



# Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 113<sup>th</sup> Year—1912-2025

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Our Mission: With respect, cooperation, and joy, through acts of love that build each other up, we seek to share the light of Christ as a Beacon from our corner in East Hamilton

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## Summer Sundays at Laidlaw

Air Conditioned and Prayer Conditioned

### The Twelfth Sunday after Epiphany

**“Honey from the Rock”**

**Worship with us In Person, or by Livestream on YouTube, search “Laidlaw Live”**

**Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**

**Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.**

**Livestream URL:** <https://youtube.com/live/LYdZArmlwKU?feature=share>

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**Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!**

**Please Log in to Chat; or send a text to 905-547-2021—Request a prayer, send your greetings, light a candle!**



**Don't Forget to 'Like Us' on YouTube! 'Subscribe' and get notified of upcoming livestreams!**  
**If you are online or in Person, please consider making an offering in one of two ways:**  
**send an Interac e-transfer to 'laidlawuc@bellnet.ca' or press the 'On-Line Donation' button**  
**at [www.laidlawchurch.ca](http://www.laidlawchurch.ca) Thank you for your support!**

*Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!*

*Musician: Steve McRae, B. Mus, A.R.C.T., Dipl. A.A.*

*Minister: Rev. Douglas C. Moore, B.Th., B.A. (Phil), M.Div.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### God Gathers Us Together

#### Chimes and Candles Call

#### Call to Worship

📖 Psalm 81, Luke 14

*The Lord be with you! And, also, with you!*

*God will satisfy us with honey from the rock! In a quiet, humble place, God has hidden sweetness!*

*God says, "Return, and I will fill you with good things!" Let us come, singing out loud to God with joy!*

#### Hymn of Praise

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*Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*

1. Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come. In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home. Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow. We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.
2. Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears, but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears. We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come, and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.
3. Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way, and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay. We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

#### Prayer of Approach (Unison)

LORD God, your love calls us to come near you, that we might enjoy your gifts of sweetness and light!

Help us see the good in what you are giving to us. Strengthen our spirits, so that we may build up one another in love, in cooperation, and in enduring joy.

Call us back, God! Show us the way to return to you. In Jesus Christ, show us humility that exalts. Fill us with joy that saves and redeems our lives. Amen!

#### Anthem

*Just As I Am, Lord*

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig Music: Don Besig

#### We Hear God's Word

Young People! Gather at the front, or near your screens!

📖 Jeremiah 2:13, Luke 14

#### Youth and Scripture

*There's a Hole in My Bucket!*

#### Young People Praying

#### Young People Singing

no. 28 in All God's Children Sing



*Serve the Lord*

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee 1977

1. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, serve the Lord!
2. Trust the Lord, the Lord will always lead you! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, trust the Lord!
3. Thank the Lord, for God's mighty actions! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, thank the Lord!
4. Love the Lord, and there is your freedom! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, love the Lord!
5. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness! (2x) O, ye people, who've been waiting for so long, serve the Lord!

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Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday School (it's air conditioned!)

There are colouring pages in the Quiet Room, and in the Bulletin, if you print it out!

#### Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Jeremiah 2:4-13 (Old Testament, page 699)

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

#### Psalms Response


Tune: St. Denio 11 11 11 11

📖 Psalm 81:1, 10-16


1. Sing out loud to God now who is strength to us all! Shout for joy now to God who our ancestors praised! For our God the LORD set us free—we were slaves! God says: "Open wide and I will fill you this day!"
2. But we did not listen, we would no more obey! So God let our stubborn hearts then lead us astray. But God called us always to turn to God's way! If only we come back, God's hand quickly will save!
3. Those who hate the LORD cringe, and their doom does not fade! Sing out loud to God now, who is strength to us all! God would feed us with wheat, the finest and best, With honey from the rock God will satisfy you!

*Adapted from the Scripture and set in metre by Rev. Doug Moore*

## Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16* (New Testament, page 227)  
*This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!*

## Lesson from the Gospel

 *Luke 14:1, 7-14* (New Testament, page 77)  
*The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Sermon

### Honey from the Rock

## Gospel Hymn

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*Come Let Us Sing*

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.
2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.
4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low, let your praises endlessly flow.

### We Respond to God's Word

## The Prayers of the People

## Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

## Offertory

*Let It Be*

Words and Music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney

## Doxology

57 in *Songs for a Gospel People*, vs. 1-2

1. Of all the Spirit's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease To take and treasure most these three: love, joy and peace.
2. God shows me love is at the root of every gift sent from above, of every flower of every fruit, that God is love.

## Dedication Prayer

## Closing Hymn

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*Lord, Speak to Me*

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let me seek your straying children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, so that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, so that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, so that I may teach the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## Benediction and Commissioning

## Choral Response

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Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the love of God surround you, Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

*The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!*

## Postlude



Join us for Coffee Hour!  
At 10 a.m. before Worship and after Worship  
Join us for Wii and Games in the gym and conversations!  
Everyone is Welcome!

*Celebratory Cakes are always welcomed at Coffee Hour!  
If someone you love or admire needs a celebration, bring a cake!*



**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RETURN:** Rev. Doug will be in the Church Office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. till noon. Other days will be by chance or appointment! For pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! Coffee is on during office hours; you are always welcome to come by! We appreciate lots of help to do light cleaning and get things ready for events and Sunday Worship!

**The DR. PETER BANTING SWINGTET** gave an amazing concert in June, a Balanced Budget Fundraising event for Laidlaw. If you were not able to join us, the evening's music was recorded and is available at Laidlaw Live on YouTube. Search 'Dr. Peter Banting Swingtet' on the Laidlaw Live Chanel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPyq08QqE98> Mark your calendar! The Dr. Peter Banting Swingtet will return Sunday December 7 at 1:30 p.m. for their Annual Christmas Concert at Laidlaw! **The Free Swingtet Concert at Dundas Driving Park that was cancelled because of rain is rescheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2025—bring a chair, sing along and dance! The hat will be passed to defray expenses for the use of the park!**

**Would you like to listen to a PODCAST with a Laidlaw Twist?** Sean Patrick Sullivan has begun a podcast, and Thursdays Sean 'goes to church' at Laidlaw, with an interview with Rev. Doug Moore. You can catch this week's podcast or catch up with earlier episodes on YouTube at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/@veryeditorial> Please like and subscribe!

### **This Week at Laidlaw**

**Tuesday Office Hours,** Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on!

**Wednesday Gathering** Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! Join in conversation, coffee, projects!

**Workday at the Church**—Thursday, September 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m. till noon! —coffee, labours, conversation, Join us! Al-Anon and Narc Anon groups meet. We will get ready for Bingo on Saturday!

**Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers!** Thursday, September 4, 2025, 7-9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Do you write songs, poetry, stories, fiction, pretty much anything? This is your open mic! And if you would like to just listen—it's a great night for that too! Refreshments will be available at modest prices! A new venture for Laidlaw with Anya Wassenberg, for more info, email [anyamodel@yahoo.ca](mailto:anyamodel@yahoo.ca)...

**BINGO!** Saturday, September 6, 2025, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! **NEW: Bigger Prizes!** Under our new licence, we have implemented a price and prize change as follows: 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3.

**Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost,** Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 11 a.m. 'Twelve Hundred and Fifty Kilometers an Hour' Shavini Fernando Pinto is at the keyboards. There is Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. before Worship, and After Worship. Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday, and Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. and after Worship with games in the gym!

**Join the Worship Livestream at** <https://youtube.com/live/MYYpH4JpYmI?feature=share>

### **Upcoming Events**

**LIDLAW UNITED CHURCH WOMEN** Lunch and meeting, Monday, September 8, 2025, lunch at noon, meeting follows. Rev. Doug will make lunch—Pasta and Bolognese Sauce!

**Free Swingtet Concert at Dundas Driving Park** (rescheduled from August) Wednesday, September 10, 2025—bring a chair, sing along and dance! The hat will be passed to defray expenses for the use of the park!

**MOVIE NIGHT-family friendly! Disney's LILO AND STITCH 2025,** Friday, September 12, 2025, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Wii, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Nachos and Cheese, drinks—and POPCORN! —Fun for all—bring a friend!

**LIDLAW CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

**Comedy Show in the new Studio Upstairs,** Saturday, September 20, 2025, 8 p.m. This is a new venture organized by Alex Ross—details are coming soon! More events to

**PENNY SALE**—Saturday September 27, 2025—we are collecting prizes for the September sale—if you have prizes, bring them, if we get more than we need, we'll keep them for the February sale, or the UCW Bazaar baskets, Thanks! **We will also need baking for the sale—your donations are appreciated! Ottawa Street will be open to traffic this year! Doors open at noon, draws will take place at 2 p.m. Winners must be present at the draws!** There will be a Penny Table with 75 prizes, a Mega Penny Table with 25 big prizes, and a Half and Half Draw. A children's table ensures a prize for every child, there will be a Bake Table by the UCW, and our famous Laidlaw Food Table! Join us for lunch, bring a friend! Your donations are needed! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$20-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

**GUITAR SHOW AND SALE:** Player's Grade, organized by Alfie Smith, Saturday, October 25, 2025, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. at Laidlaw Church. Admission is \$5. Laidlaw will put on a lunch for the patrons, help and sandwiches are needed and welcomed!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**Accessible Entrance:** Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS?** *We have Tablet Computers, for those who need large print!*

**Book Korner**—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books—new additions regularly!

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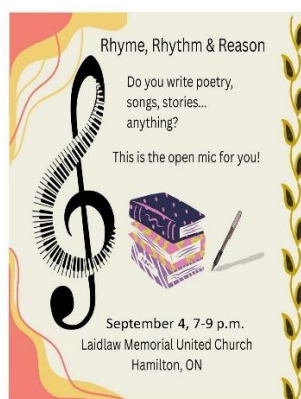
**Offerings and Donations to Laidlaw Memorial United Church**, 155 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Z2 can be made by mail, Electronic donations can be made through Canada Helps, go to [laidlawchurch.ca](http://laidlawchurch.ca) and click the "Donation" button (*a form will pop up on our website, and allow you to make the donation without leaving the Laidlaw Website!*); or by Interac E-transfer, use the church email address, [laidlawuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:laidlawuc@bellnet.ca) (we have set this up for automatic deposit—no password needed)! This is a great time to go on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)! Call the Church Office at 905 544 6536 if you would like to go on PAR, or have a set of offering envelopes. *Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted separately by Canada Helps.*

**GRANT PROGRESS:** A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program of \$7,500.00 has facilitated installation of Cameras all around the church, and some additional funds beyond the cost of cameras will be used to replace the aging and now brittle plexiglass that protects the church's leaded glass windows. If you would like to have access to the cameras on your phone, speak to Rev. Doug. The Grant of \$28,000.00 from the Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council is helping to create the 'Artword Studio at Laidlaw'. Windows and electrical complete, repair of the ceiling is complete, painting has begun, with hopes of events in the space soon! Chairs have now been secured at a reasonable cost! Lots of progress!

**Donation Box for Wesley Centre, etc.!** *Rose McGowan is making 'kindness kits' for men and women experiencing housing and health issues. Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc., are needed!*

**We appreciate help!** with supplies... We need decaf and regular coffee, (we have lots of tea for now) and cookies! We have enough flour and Tenderflake Lard for now, thanks! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to help with these fundraising efforts!

**BUDGET NEWS!** We are truly blessed by the generosity of our members and friends, and the good people who attend events and fundraisers at Laidlaw. The offerings of time, expertise, labour and treasure have us making amazing progress. In August, we are keeping up with day-to-day expenses, we will need to catch up a bit on dues and completing grant projects in September. We have been privileged to receive grant money to make improvements, but that money is designated for those projects. A little extra from everyone makes a big difference! Thank you to everyone who makes good on good intentions! *Donations to the general fund are a great help as we also enjoy a summer break!* Regular giving from those in person, and online, are critical to ensuring cash flow to meet expenses! We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help us meet the challenge! You can help us in several ways. Participate and promote fundraising events at Laidlaw. Helping with donations for events is a great help. Encourage people to come with you to Bingo, Penny Sales, Movie Nights, Concerts, and Sunday Worship. Consider increasing or starting a regular monthly gift for the General Fund at Laidlaw by PAR (call the Church Office at 905 544 6536). Inflation has affected us all, and our church too. Please consider an increase in your offerings and/or your monthly PAR donation. *We deeply appreciate when those who are gathering with us online also make a donation to help keep the Laidlaw Beacon shining!* Sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity! If you would like Envelopes and don't have a set, call the Church Office at 905 544 6536. Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted immediately, by Canada Helps.



# A Lesson in Humility

"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 14:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 14:7-14



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