



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114th Year—1912-2026

155 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario L8H 3Z2

www.laidlawchurch.ca

☎ 905 544 6536 (not textable) laidlawuc@bellnet.ca

☎ 905 547 2021 (textable) revmoore@execulink.com

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Epiphany

“See Red Sea”

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

Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream Starts at 10:55 a.m.

Livestream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/STiTiPyWiT8>

The Livestream is Licenced for Copyright under:

C.C.L.I. Church Streaming and Podcast Licence CSPL028178; C.C.L.I. Church Copyright Licence 2585699

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 Thank you for your support!

Ministers: *All who follow Jesus Christ!*

At the Keyboards Today: *Olivia Brown.*

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

📖 Exodus 14, Exodus 1

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

What makes all the difference, for us and for this world? Our God is with us—this makes all the difference!

Who is like our God? Who does such wonders? Praise our God—who brings us to victory!

Praise Hymn

651

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire
and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

God, you're amazing! Israel passed through the sea to safety; and Jesus teaches us to forgive from the heart!

Give us wisdom instead of opinions. You show us the path through grace to peace. Give us the courage to forgive others, the way we want others to forgive us.

Turn us from our sins, so true forgiveness can begin. Let Jesus lead us to newness of life. Let the joy of your Spirit live in us and be the gift we share with others, Amen!

Anthem

'Round the Riverside

Words and Music: traditional Arranger: Saundra Berry Musser

We Hear God's Word

Children and Youth may gather at the front, or by your screen!

Youth and Scripture

📖 Romans 14:1-3

Our Welcome Mat!

Young People Praying

Young People Singing

no. 76 in *All God's Children Sing*

Kum Ba Yah

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!
2. Someone's crying, Lord, come by here, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!
3. Someone's praying, Lord, come by here, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!
4. Some one's singing, Lord, come by here, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!
5. Come by here, my Lord, come by here, (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah!



The Lord's Prayer

Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday Bible Lessons, there are colouring pages and puzzles in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

📖 Exodus 14:19-31 (Old Testament, page 61)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalms Response

Tune: CWM Rhondda 878787

📖 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

1. When the Red Sea swallowed the Egyptians, Moses sang this song to God: "I'll sing to the LORD God, who has triumphed; horses, riders, thrown in the sea!" God, our strong one! God who saves us!
I'll exult and give God Praise! God, our warrior, let us praise God's name!
2. Pharaoh's chariots and his mighty army, God has drowned in the Red Sea! They were sunk;
the floods were overwhelming; they went to the deep like a stone! God destroyed them! God is glorious!
God consumed them as with fire! God's breath piled the waters and saved us!
3. Egypt said, "I will pursue and take them; I'll destroy and take my spoil!" God's wind blew;
the mighty waters drowned them; they sank like they were made of lead! Who is like God?
Who such wonders? Miriam danced with tambourines! Sing to God, who's brought us victory!

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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Romans 14:1-12* (New Testament, page 163)
This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 18:21-35* (New Testament, page 20)
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Let'em Have It!

Gospel Hymn

684

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. **Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you:**
2. **Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.**
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
3. **Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

We Respond to God's Word

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory

Lord, I Hope this Day is Good!
Words and Music: Dave Hanner

Doxology

541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Dedication Prayer

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

260

God, Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

1. **God who gives to life its goodness, God creator of all joy, God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy: teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing, till the whole creation dances for the goodness of its King.**
2. **God who fills the earth with beauty, God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators God who wills that chaos end: grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind, hearts and wills your rule extending all our acts by Love refined.**

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

88 (More Voices)

Over My Head

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual Arranger: Stephen Lee, 2006

Refrain: **Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3x) There must be a God somewhere!**

**Let the peace of God go with us... I hear music in the air...
Let the love of Christ now lead us... I hear music in the air...
Let God's Spirit lift our spirits... I hear music in the air...**

There must be a God somewhere! Refrain

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Join us for Coffee Hour!

At 10 a.m. before worship And Also:

After Worship Coffee, Watermelon, 9Games in the Gym!

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!*



Announcements

OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Doug is back to 'normal' hours. Rev. Doug will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Other times by chance or appointment! Rev. Doug is 'on call', so, if there is a need 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! Rev. Doug, now officially 'half time' will consider Mondays and Fridays a 'day off'. You may always call if there is an urgent need!

Meeting at Laidlaw: Phoenix AA (Wed 7 p.m.), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)

This Week at Laidlaw

Office Hours! Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, September 17, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday, enjoy coffee together, and get the church ready for Movie Night on Friday! Al Anon and Narc Anon will meet Thursday morning.

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Amazon MGM studios 'The SHEEP DETECTIVES' Friday, September 18, 2026, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts 6:30 p.m. Wii, food and drink for sale—and POPCORN! —Fun for all ages!

Beyond the Notes with Nadav Greehuth Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 5 p.m. at Laidlaw. Free Admission, pay what you wish! Come enjoy a concert on the grand piano with Nadav, Classical masterpieces, original piano music, and the stories behind them! Laidlaw will serve refreshments!

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 11 a.m. "Grumbling for Manna" Steve McRae will be at the Keyboards! Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday. Join us for Coffee Hour before worship at 10 a.m., and after worship, watermelon and games in the gym! Livestream at <https://youtube.com/live/IFKN5rKCEzU>

Upcoming Events

Women of Laidlaw Lunch together! Monday, September 21, 2026, at Noon! Rev. Doug will prepare lunch of soup and sandwiches, and the Women of Laidlaw will meet and get ready for the upcoming Penny Sale! All women are welcome!

PENNY SALE—The Next Penny Sale at Laidlaw will be Saturday September 26, 2026! Prizes are sufficient, thank!

We will also need baking for the sale—your donations are appreciated! 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 70 prizes, a Raffle 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 Women of Laidlaw, and our famous Laidlaw Food Table! Join us for lunch, bring a friend! Your donations are needed! Please give gift cards to Kathy Rodrigue! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$15-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks! Thanks for your support! Please Note: Ottawa Street will be closed! We will access the Laidlaw Parking lot by the back gate off Cannon Street and the Alley.

Memorial Service for Lena McKee, Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Laidlaw. You are welcome to join Lena's family as we Celebrate Lena's life.

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, October 14, 2026, 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 available for sale! For more info, email anyamodel@yahoo.ca

BINGO! Saturday, October 17, 2026, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! Bigger Prizes! 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3. Children are welcome to play if they have a parent or guardian with them!

Events this fall: Bingo October 17 and November 14; Thanksgiving Worship October 11; Alfie's Guitar Show, October 24; Candy Cane Bazaar November 7; !NEW! Christmas Penny Sale, November 28, Santa and Phineus on December 12, Pageant Rehearsal December 19, am, Pageant Sunday and Lunch December 20; Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24... in case you want to mark your calendar. We will not be holding Tinsel Town this year, or movie nights in October and November.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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

We appreciate help! with supplies... **We need regular coffee for Coffee Hour and weekdays!** We need Tenderflake

Lard for baking, thanks! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to help with these fundraising efforts!

Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children's books, there are DVDs, they are \$1 each!

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

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!*

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 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 (we have set this up for auto deposit, no password needed)! 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.*

The Women of Laidlaw make meat pies! THERE IS A NEW BATCH! Get yours today! Meat Pies are \$7 each! A great meal at a great price! Speak to Nancy Scacchi!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2026 are at the back of the church today, please pick yours up! If you would like to have offering Envelopes for 2026, we are happy to provide you with a set—speak to Rev. Doug!

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. *Donations to the general fund are a great help*, from those in person, and online! 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). *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.

GRANT PROGRESS: The report for the Ontario Anti-Hate Program has been completed, and the report made. This year, the \$7500.00 grant has provided for the upgrade to the camera system to allow monitoring in the sanctuary and church hall, upgraded the church internet security and network equipment, provided safety windows in the office doors, and helped rebuild and secure the access ramp. **We are grateful for this help from the Ontario Government!** Presbytery Mission Council is helping to create the '*Artword Studio at Laidlaw*' *The studio is ready now—we are looking forward to welcoming events in the space in 2026!* Additional funds have now purchased a new attic stair system, completing the infrastructure updates, new electric, windows, repairing the ceiling, and now a safe and permanent set of attic stairs!

 **Laidlaw Memorial United Church**
A Beacon in East Hamilton since 1912
at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

Movie Night at Laidlaw Church



Friday, September 18, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. MOVIE STARTS 6:30 P.M.
NOTE: NEW, FAMILY FRIENDLY START TIME!

Free Admission
POPCORN, HOTDOGS, CHILI, NACHOS, PIZZAS AND DRINKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE!
AN ALL-AGES EVENING OF FUN (RATED PG)
Brought to you by the Young People at Laidlaw
Shown under Church Video License—its all legal!

BEYOND THE NOTES
NADAV GREENHUT
CLASSICAL MASTERPIECES, ORIGINAL PIANO MUSIC, AND
THE STORIES BEHIND THEM



September 19, 2026, 5PM.
LIDLAW UNITED CHURCH
155 OTTAWA ST. N. HAMILTON
FREE ADMISSION * PAY WHAT YOU WISH

 **Laidlaw Memorial United Church**
A Beacon in East Hamilton since 1912
at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

**Penny Sale,
Prize Raffle,
Half and Half Draw
Bake Sale**

**Saturday,
September 26, 2026**
Ottawa Street Sale Day
Doors Open at 12 noon
Draws begin at 2 p.m.

There is something for everyone!
Great Penny Sale Items
and Scrumptious Home Baking!

Come in Time for LUNCH!

 **Laidlaw Memorial United Church**
At the Corner of Ottawa and Cannon Streets

BINGO

Saturday, September 12, 2026
Saturday, October 17, 2026
Saturday, November 14, 2026
No Bingo in July, August or December 2026

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m.
Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.
Lunch and Refreshments Available
NEW, IMPROVED PRIZES!
\$10 for Ten Zip Sheets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.
Two 50/50 Zip Games, \$2 and \$3 to play.
Cash Prize is half of game sheet sales.
Family Friendly Area and Adult Friendly Area
Children must be accompanied by a guardian at least 18 years old
Held under Ontario Lottery License

 **Laidlaw Memorial United Church**
At the Corner of Ottawa and Cannon Streets
Invites you to our Annual

CANDY CANE BAZAAR

Saturday, November 7, 2026
11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

  

**Tea Room
Crafts
Knitting Table
Bake Table
Attic Treasures-Tiffany's
Christmas Gift Baskets
Candy Table
Raffle Table**

Raffle tickets drawn at 2:00 p.m.
Winners must be present at the draw

 **Laidlaw Memorial United Church**
At the Corner of Ottawa and Cannon Streets

**Penny Sale
Prize Raffle,
Half & Half Raffle
Bake Sale**

**Saturday,
November 28, 2026**
at 12 noon
Draws begin at 2 p.m.

There is something for everyone!
Great Penny Sale and Raffle Items
Scrumptious Home Baking!

Come in Time for LUNCH!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
The Children's Table Ensures a Prize for every Child!
Held under City of Hamilton Charitable Lottery License

The Parting of the Red Sea

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.
Exodus 14:31 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Exodus 14:19-31

T Y W E U J N W C I Z N X S S
W T C B K L J P M O S E S V C
U H P Z E Q U P D X S Z H R L
X K A A Z V A C G S M E N K O
F F R N Y T Q P H R Y L A T U
X S C T D L D W W A O P Y D D
I V D H F K D T A G R U S V B
F D D R Y E S R T L A I N U D
S V X Q Y F P A E B H J O D W
N K T R U S T V R W B B X T S
L L U E L S F E H K L Y P E S
B A U U B A M L C E I H S T M
S V R J J V F I G G P R T G P
G W X M A E Y N S N O T I I V
Z P T Y Y D A G O H L W Z K A

WATER
DRY
ANGEL

TRAVELING
SEA
HAND

GROUND
SAVED
CLOUD

ARMY
MOSES
TRUST

CHARIOTS
HORSES
ISRAEL