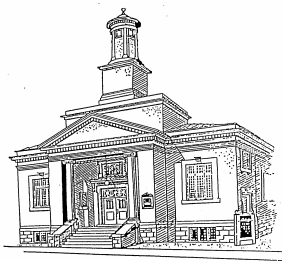


Laidlaw Memorial United Church Sunday Worship



EASTER



March 27, 2005, 11:00 a.m.

Ministers: *All who follow Jesus Christ!*

Candle Lighter: *Phoenix Dyer* Scripture Reader: *Diane Clarke*

Ushers: *David Lees, Kevin Holmes, Henny Vanderzwaag, Sharon Molnar*

Thanks for Easter Breakfast: *Myrtle DiBartolo and Nancy Scacchi*

Gordon Zanity-Donn at the Organ and Keyboard

Rev. Douglas C. Moore, B.Th., B.A., (Phil), M.Div., Pastor

Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and the Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

 *Psalm 118, Acts 10, Colossians 3*

Give thanks that God has answered, and brought salvation's day!

Hallelujah! We know God's message: Peace through Jesus Christ!

Now it is revealed: Christ is alive, and we also will live!

Hallelujah! God has made this day! Rejoice! Be glad in it!

Easter Hymn

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Words and Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708

1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! our triumphant holy day, hallelujah! who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah! unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah! who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, hallelujah! our salvation have procured; hallelujah! now above the sky he's King, hallelujah! where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**

4. **Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah! praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah! praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

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Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

Living God, you give life to everything you create! You raised Jesus from death to life! You show us the life and joy you have hidden in each and all of us, and make this our Easter.

We thank you that your message is peace. It is our joy and hope that you play no favourites, accepting everyone who fears you and seeks to do what is right.

Shake our tombs and set us free! In Jesus Christ, show us the light of your peace. By your Holy Spirit, confirm your steadfast love that saves and redeems our lives, Amen!

Choir Cantata

Laidlaw Memorial United Church Choir

Easter Joy / Hosanna / Easter is Here

Words: J. Paul Williams and Jean Anne Shafferman Music: Laura Page

Words: Don Besig and Nancy Price Music: Don Besig

Words: J. Paul Williams Music: Jon Paige

We Celebrate Communion

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

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The Day of Resurrection

Words: John of Damazcus, ca. 750 Music: Gersangbuch de Herzogul

1. **The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God! From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**
2. **Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light, and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**
3. **Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.**

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Communion servers, please come with the gifts to the Table

Greeting

*The Lord be with you! And Also with you!
Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give God thanks and praise!*

Words of Institution for the Bread and Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread and Wine

Please come forward by the centre aisle for communion.
As you come to communion, Please deposit your gifts
for the Benevolent Fund in the Lighthouse Box

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!
The children may gather at the front to help distribute Easter Treats...*

We Hear God's Word

The Worship Band Anthem

Amen!

Words and Music: *Traditional American*

Chorus: Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

1. See the tiny baby, lying in the manger, on Christmas morning.
2. See him in the temple, talking with the elders
who marvelled at his wisdom,
3. See him by the seaside, talking to the people
and heal' in their diseases.
4. Marchin' to Jerusalem, waving palm branches,
in pomp and splendour.
5. See him in the garden, talking to the Spirit, in deepest sorrow.
6. Led before Pilate, they crucified him, but he rose on Easter.
7. Alleluia! He died to save us, but he lives forever.

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The Bible with our Children

 *Acts 10:36*

Do You Know the Message?

Children's Prayer

The children may go to their classes...

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles

 *Acts 10:34-43 (New Testament, page 129)*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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Psalm Response


Tune: LANCASHIRE 7676D

 *Psalm 118:1-2,14-24*

1. Give thanks to God who is good; whose steadfast love endures!
Let Israel all say now: "God's steadfast love endures!" The LORD
God is our strength and might, our God is our salvation!
These are the days of glad song for those who seek the right!
2. The hand of God is courage; the hand of God exalts!
We shall not die! We shall live! And tell God's deeds to all!
The LORD has punished me with pain, but God did not let me die!
Now let the gates be opened, I'll enter and give thanks!
3. This is the gate of our God; the just may enter in!
Give thanks that God has answered and brought salvation's day!
The stone the builder's did reject becomes the cornerstone now!
This is God's new way with us, a wonder to our eyes!
4. Give thanks to God who is good; whose steadfast love endures!
Let Israel all say now: "God's steadfast love endures! The LORD
God is our strength and might, our God is our salvation!
This is the day that God made! Rejoice! Be glad in it!


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

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

 *Colossians 3:1-4 (New Testament, page 201)*

This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

 *Matthew 28:1-10 (New Testament, page 33)*

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Quickly, With Fear and Great Joy!

Gospel Hymn

Tune: ACKELY 13 13 13 11 w. ref.

He Lives

Words and Music: *Alfred H. Ackley, 1933*

1. I serve a risen Saviour; He's in the world today. I know that
He is living, whatever men many say. I see His hand o mercy, I hear
His voice of cheer; And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain: He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me, along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvations to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart!

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2. In all the world around me, I see His loving care; and tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that He is leading tho' all the stormy blast; The day of His appearance will come at last.

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind.

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We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity

Offertory and Doxology

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1. Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
2. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Words and Music: Donald Fishel, 1971

Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ; hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, firstborn of all creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever.
4. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

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Commissioning, Benediction

Choral Amen by the Worship Band

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Words and Music: Traditional

Postlude

Have a Blessed Easter Holiday!

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us this morning! Visitors: please sign our guest book and include your address! Requests for prayer, baptism, membership, or visitation are welcome! Speak to Rev. Doug or call 905 544 6536.

HEARING ASSISTANCE IS HERE! The Church Council voted to purchase a new hearing assist system from Memorial Funds. It is here! If you have trouble hearing, please ask one of the ushers for a receiver, and you'll hear everything—you control the volume!

A limited number of recordings of the Sunday Morning Service are available—on CD or by email. Please contact Rev. Doug if you or someone you know would benefit from this service!

Check out our updated Web Site and tell your friends to visit—go to www.execulink.com/revmoore/laidlaw Please note the new address and update your browser. Thanks to Colin Hazell for helping get the site updated and updateable!

Money Matters: On Easter morning, out of the ashes of tragedy, arose LIFE. How we respond to the new LIFE is the crux of the phrase "Christ is Risen!" Last week's offering of \$835.00 is our commitment to that exclamation! Thank you for your continued faithfulness to this mission.

Worship attendance March 20th – 86 souls.

Meat Pies are available--\$2.00 each—see Wayne Gillespie.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN ANNUAL GATHERING at St. Paul's United Church, 29 Park St. W., Dundas, Ontario on Wed. April 13th, 2005 from 12:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes dinner. Open to all ladies. Please contact Dorothy Biegun at 905-545-4434 or Myrtle DiBartolo at 905-572-7016 by April 3rd, 2005.

EASTER LILIES—We thank all those who have placed lily plants in memory of their loved ones. Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary in this way.

HELP IS NEEDED following the 11 a.m. Communion Service this morning to deliver the Easter plants to our shut-in folks. Please see **Audrey Redburn**. Also following this service, anyone placing an Easter Lily is invited to pick it up.

Coming Events at Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Wed. March 30, 9-11 a.m. *Craft Circle*—all are welcome!

Wed. March 30, 9-11 a.m. *Moms & Tots Group* meets.

Thurs. 7:30 p.m. *Choir Practice*—new members are welcome!

Sat. April 2, 5:30 p.m.—**GAMES NIGHT—POTLUCK SUPPER and Potluck of games** for children, parents, and grandchildren and grandparents, families and singles—we had a great time last month—if you missed it, here's your opportunity!

Sunday, April 3, 2005, 11 a.m. The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Ushers for April: Bertha Wood, Diane Clarke, Richard Daniel, Hinson MacMillan, *Candles:* Ben Moore, *Reader:* Sharon Molnar, *Coffee:* Audrey Redburn and Nichole Hebert. *Scripture Readings:* Acts 2:14a, 222-32, Psalm 16, First Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31. *Sermon:* Believing Brings Life!
The Monthly Maintenance Envelope will be received—you'll find this envelope in your numbered envelope box—this fund is to make repairs to the church building, like the recent repairs to the parking lot entrance.

Tues. April 5, 5:30 p.m. *Hamilton Presbytery* meets at St. Andrew's.

Thurs. April 7, 7 p.m. *Property Committee* meets.

Sat. April 9, 7 p.m. **FIRE RELIEF CONCERT** at Laidlaw in partnership with the Ottawa Street BIA featuring Gene Louis and "The Spirit of Life Band". *Tickets are \$10—call the Church Office at 905-544-6536.*

Color the spaces

1 = yellow 3 = pink 5 = lavender
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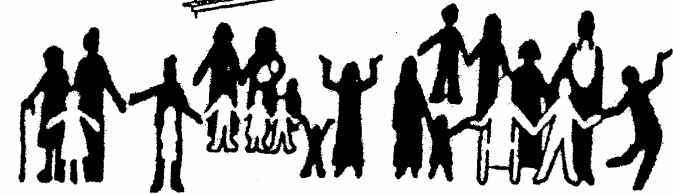
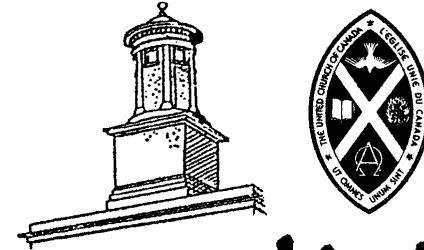
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Easter Communion Service

March 27, 2005, 11:00 a.m.



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

with respect, cooperation and joy, through acts of love

building each other up as a community of faith serving God

we seek to share the light of Christ as a Beacon in East Hamilton

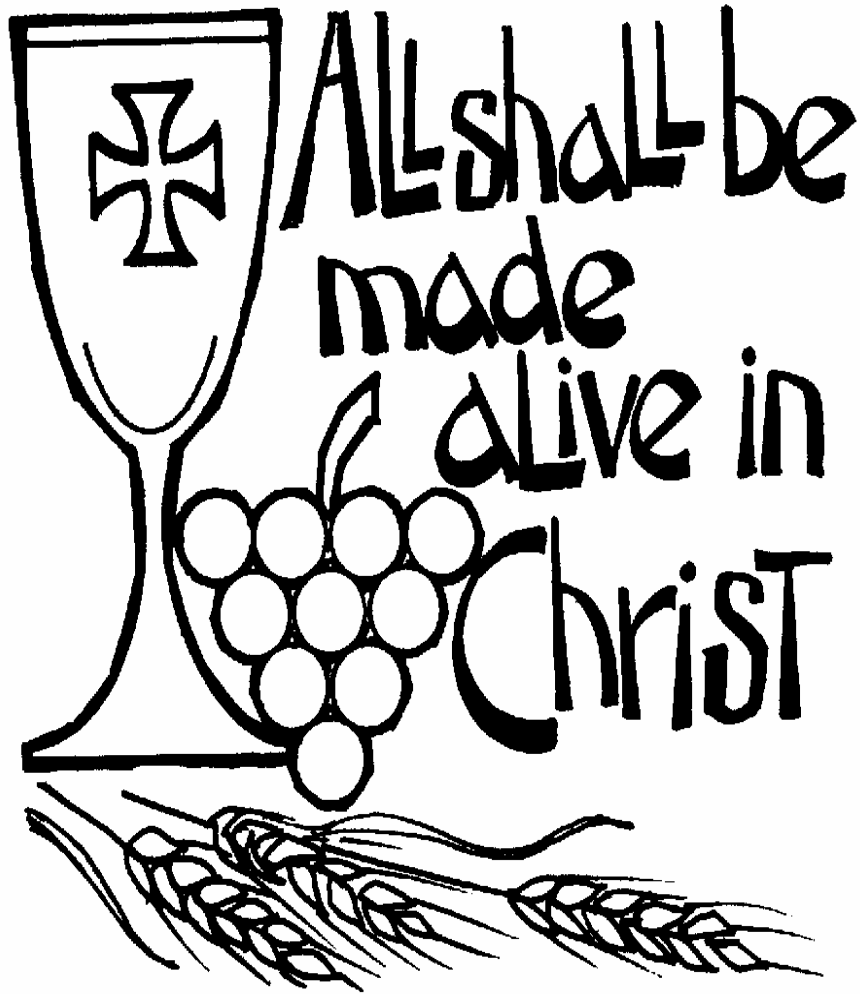
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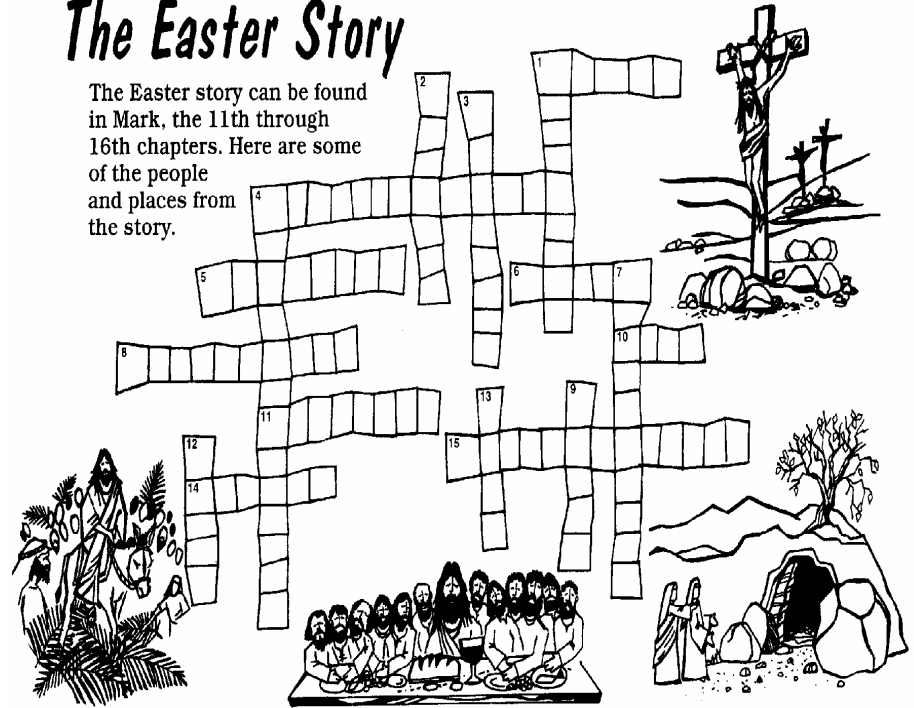
Office Hours—Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. till noon.

A List of Church Officers is available on the table in the Narthex!



The Easter Story

The Easter story can be found in Mark, the 11th through 16th chapters. Here are some of the people and places from the story.



Across

1. Mark 14:32 He took with him Peter, _____, and John.
4. Mark 13:3 When he was sitting on the _____...
5. Mark 15:11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release _____ instead.
6. Mark 15:5 But _____ made no further reply.
8. Mark 14:32 They went to a place called _____.
10. Mark 16:1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and _____, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices...
11. Mark 15:22 Then they brought Jesus to the place called _____.
14. Luke 24:13 Now on the same day two of them were going to a village called _____.
15. Luke 3:1 The Roman governor was named _____.

Down

1. John 12:12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to _____.
2. Luke 24:18 Then one of them, whose name was _____...
3. Matthew 26:3 The high priest, who was called _____...
4. Mark 15:40 There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were _____...
7. John 21:15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to _____...
9. Luke 22:47 Suddenly a crowd came, and the one called _____, one of the twelve, was leading them.
12. Luke 23:11 Even _____ with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him.
13. Luke 22:8 So Jesus sent Peter and _____...