



STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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PSALM 66

For the choir director: A song. A psalm.

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!

Sing about the glory of His name!

Tell the world how glorious He is.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Your enemies cringe before Your mighty power.

Everything on earth will worship You;
they will sing Your praises,
shouting Your name in glorious songs." *Interlude*

Come and see what our God has done,
what awesome miracles he performs for people!

He made a dry path through the Red Sea,
and His people went across on foot.

There we rejoiced in Him.

For by His great power He rules forever.
He watches every movement of the nations;
let no rebel rise in defiance. *Interlude*

Let the whole world bless our God
and loudly sing His praises.

Our lives are in His hands,
and He keeps our feet from stumbling.

You have tested us, O God;
You have purified us like silver.

You captured us in Your net
and laid the burden of slavery on our backs.

Then You put a leader over us.
We went through fire and flood,
but You brought us to a place of great abundance.

Now I come to Your Temple with burnt offerings
to fulfill the vows I made to You—

yes, the sacred vows that I made
when I was in deep trouble.

That is why I am sacrificing burnt offerings to You
—the best of my rams as a pleasing aroma,

and a sacrifice of bulls and male goats. *Interlude*

Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what He did for me.

For I cried out to Him for help,
praising Him as I spoke.

If I had not confessed the sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

But God did listen!

He paid attention to my prayer.

Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer
or withdraw His unfailing love from me.



COME, SEE AND HEAR — PASTOR JON

Last weekend we celebrated 50 years of this church on McIvor Avenue. In preparation for this celebration, we've been intentionally spending time telling stories in our Sunday services. Stories are an important way that we carry a sense of who we are and where we belong in the world.

Psalms 66 is like many other Psalms in that it rehearses the things that God has done for His people. Because God turned the sea to dry land and brought His people through it (v. 8), and because God preserved their lives (v. 9), refined them like silver (v. 10-12a), and brought them through to abundance on the other side (v. 12b), God's people will praise Him.

Importantly, that praise consists in significant

amounts of telling the stories of what God has done. Twice we are invited to encounter God's story: once to "come and see what God has done" (v. 5), and once to "come and hear...all that God has done for me" (v. 16).

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The story of ancient Israel, whose Scriptures make up our Old Testament, is a story that invites us to join in today. In Jesus, we see God's love and faithful presence on the earth extended to us, so that even if we have no genealogical connection to ancient Israel, God will be at work in us by His Spirit, to bring His life into the world.

This is the foundational story of every church, and it is the story of McIvor Avenue MB Church. God has been at work here among these people, by His Spirit, as we gather and worship Jesus as our Lord. For 50 years, the stories of the individuals and

families that have gathered at McIvor Church have been gathered up by God to tell the story of God at work in the world, here in our neighborhood.



Putting together the centrepieces for the Jubilee Banquet.

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Which means that if you have been here, you have a story to tell. The story of your life is the story of God at work in the world. Something seemingly insignificant like receiving just the word you needed from a friend, or a worship song that gave a sense of peace, or a sermon that gave you hope that God could and was present even in your circumstances, is the story of God at work to fill the earth with His presence.

May we have eyes to see God at work, ears to hear His voice, and mouths to tell the story of what He has done.

Our hope and prayer as McIvor Church during this Year of Jubilee celebrating 50 years, is that we would have eyes to see God at work, ears to hear His voice, and mouths to tell the story of what He has done, in us and through us to give life to the world around us.



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