

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Highly Exalted  
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**Isaiah 61.1-11** NIV reworded for Detroit

<sup>1</sup> **The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on you, Detroit,**  
because the LORD has anointed His sons and daughters  
to **proclaim good news** to your poor.  
He has sent us to **bind up the brokenhearted,**  
to **proclaim freedom** for the captives in every community and institution  
and **release from darkness** for the prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup> to **proclaim the year of the LORD's favor to you,** great city of Detroit  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to **comfort** all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup> and **provide** for those who grieve in Detroit—  
to **bestow** on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
The communities of Detroit will be called oaks of righteousness,  
**a planting of the LORD**  
**for the display of his splendor.**

<sup>4</sup> Detroit your ancient ruins are being rebuilt  
restoration is here in places long devastated;  
Detroit you are being renewed  
the devastation that has flourished here for generations is being removed.

<sup>5</sup> Increase will come to your businesses;  
creativity and witty inventions will flourish.

<sup>6</sup> And **the sound of the LORD WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE CITY,**  
**you will bless the NAME of God.**

New wealth will come to Detroit,  
in the deliverance of your God you will boast.

<sup>7</sup> Instead of the old shame  
you will receive a double portion,  
and instead of disgrace  
you will rejoice in your inheritance in the Lord.  
And so **your land will flourish and produce fruit,**  
and joy will be in your streets.

<sup>8</sup> "For I, the LORD, love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.  
In my faithfulness I will reward my people  
and make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup> **Your influence and sound will be known among the nations, Detroit**  
and their offspring among the peoples.

**All who hear of Detroit will acknowledge**  
**that they are a people the LORD has blessed."**



<sup>10</sup> The people of Detroit delight greatly in the LORD;  
their souls rejoice in the One True God.  
For **he has clothed Detroit with garments of salvation**  
and set righteousness in the streets and institutions,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the soil makes the sprout come up  
and a garden causes seeds to grow,  
so **the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness**  
**and praise spring up before all nations.**

**Psalm 37.34** TPT reworded for Detroit

So don't be impatient for the Lord to act, Detroit; keep moving forward steadily in his ways, and he will exalt you *at the right time*. And when he does, **you will possess every promise, including your full inheritance. You'll watch with your own eyes and see the wicked lose everything.**

**Psalm 92.7-8** TPT

<sup>7</sup> It's true the wicked flourish, but only for a moment,  
foolishly forgetting their destiny with death,  
that they will all one day be destroyed forevermore.

<sup>8</sup> But **you, O Lord, are exalted forever**  
**in the highest place of endless glory,**

**1 Timothy 1.11** TPT reworded for Detroit

**Detroit you have been commissioned to resound the sound of the glory of the exalted God.**

**Psalm 96.7** NIV reworded for Detroit

**Ascribe to the LORD,** all you families of nations living in Detroit and its neighborhoods,  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

**2 Corinthians 3.5-6** NIV

<sup>5</sup> Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but **our competence comes from God.** <sup>6</sup> He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but **the Spirit gives life.**



His indwelling presence is in us – the sons and daughters of God. We release God's presence and blessing into this community. We release and impart LIFE because Christ is in us the hope of glory. And our God is ABLE to make ALL grace abound to us, His children, having always all sufficiency in everything, that we might abound in every good work. His love is shed abroad in our hearts, and we love this city as our Father does.

Jesus You are HIGHLY EXALTED! You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We lift Your mighty and awesome NAME above our city, above our communities, above the streets and institutions, above individual households and families. You, Jesus, are EXALTED over all. ALL things are under Your feet.

We say to Detroit, Jesus is enthroned over this city and we exalt His NAME above all other names. All glory and honor are His in this city. **Detroit belongs to the Lord! God's kingdom has come to this city – the King is HERE!!** We declare His goodness and mercy is in our city. New life is springing up everywhere! Old limitations are broken off of Detroit. False boundaries and separation are being eradicated.

**It is a BRAND NEW DAY in Detroit! Enter into your NEW DAY Detroit! Enter in and receive!**

