

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found ·
Transform the City through Jesus Christ*
OCTOBER 20, 2013
11:00 AM

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Your Great Name We Praise

*Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise*

1 Immortal invisible
God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most holy most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Your great Name we praise

2 Unresting unchanging
And silent as light
Not wanting or wasting
You rule us in might
Your Justice like mountains
High soaring above
Your Clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

3 All life comes from You Lord
To both great and small
In all life You live Lord
The true Life of all
We blossom and flourish
But quickly grow frail
We wither and perish
But You never fail

4 Great Father of Glory
Pure Father of Light
Your angels adore You
All veiling their sight
All praise we will render
Oh Father of Grace
Till one day in splendor
We see face to face

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Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
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We will wait upon the Lord
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*Our God You reign forever
Our hope our strong Deliv'rer*

*You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

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At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time and kids 3rd-5th grade are invited to go to Big Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service and Big Time is an age appropriate discussion time. Both cater to younger children and prepare them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

James 3:13-18 (p. 855)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:1-9 (p. 683)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: FaithWorks

“ _____ ”

The Rev. Patrick Dominguez

(There is a space for sermon notes on page 9.)

For your convenience, there are sound speakers available in the Lobby and in the BabyBeams nursery cry room that allow you to hear the service if you have a child who is crying or needs to be fed.

Sermon Notes

THE APOSTLES CREED (said together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The phrase "holy catholic Church" in the Creed means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Father of the heavenly lights, maker of all things, we praise you for saving us by the blood of your Son and by his glorious resurrection.

People: We give you thanks for every good and perfect gift you provide.

Leader: We pray for all believers facing trials of many kinds, in this church body and throughout the world.

People: Give us joy and strength to persevere, knowing that we will one day receive the crown of eternal life in you.

Leader: Guard all those in positions of leadership against earthly wisdom born from envy and selfish ambition.

People: Give them wisdom that comes from heaven, which is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Leader: In our relationships with each other, we ask you to make us into peacemakers.

People: Tame our tongues, that our words and deeds would honor you.

Leader: In our daily lives, lead us to religion that you accept as pure and faultless.

People: Let our faith in you produce compassionate deeds. Let us look after orphans and widows in distress and respond to brothers and sisters in their physical and spiritual needs.

Leader: Lord, your word reminds us that we do not have because we do not ask, and so we come to you now in faith, submitting our requests to you. (Please offer prayers for any needs you have, either silently or aloud.)

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Leader: "Come near to God and he will come near to you....Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:8,10)

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

I'm Putting On The Love Of The Lord (Ode 3)

I 'm putting on the love of the Lord

I 'm putting on the love of the Lord

I 'm putting on the love of the Lord

I 'm putting on the love of the Lord

And I will be no stranger

And I will be no stranger

For He loves me, For He loves me

Alleluia, Alleluia

Undivided, Undivided

Alleluia, Alleluia

Because my love is Him that is the Son

I shall become a child of God

I love Him, because He first loved me

And where His rest is, I know that I shall be

For He loves me, For He loves me

Alleluia, Alleluia

Undivided, Undivided

Alleluia, Alleluia

Immortal God of Earth and Heaven

Be our Wisdom, and guide us in our ways

Lord, awaken us in love, mighty Counselor

And unite us to serve You in this day

For Your glory, For Your glory

Alleluia, Alleluia

Undivided, Undivided

Alleluia, Alleluia

I 'm putting on the love of the Lord

I 'm putting on the love of the Lord

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HOLY COMMUNION

*(All baptized and believing followers of our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to partake in Holy Communion regardless of denomination. It is our custom to use wine during communion. **If you prefer, you may receive grape juice** from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines. If it would not be authentic for you to receive Communion, you may remain in your seat and contemplate the prayers on the following page.)*

Leader: Is the Father with us?

People: He is.

Leader: Is Christ among us?

People: He is.

Leader: Is the Spirit here?

People: He is.

Leader: This is our God.

People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Leader: We are His people.

People: We are redeemed.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and
praise.**

Leader continues in Eucharistic Prayer...

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said together)

Our Father who art in Heaven

Hallowed be Thy name

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those

Who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the Kingdom

And the power and the glory

Forever and ever Amen

Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING HOLY COMMUNION

The Church of The Apostles welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, to receive Holy Communion with us by coming forward to one of the communion stations at the front. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Thank you.

Prayer of Belief.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you.

COMMUNION SONGS (Please join in singing during communion.)

A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.

Mighty Is The Power Of The Cross

1 What can take a dying man
And raise him up to life again
What can heal a wounded soul
What can make us white as snow
What can fill the emptiness
What can mend our brokenness
Brokenness

*Mighty awesome wonderful
Is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life
To lift us from the fall
Mighty is the power of the cross*

2 What restores our faith in God
What reveals the Father's love
What can lead the wayward home
What can melt a heart of stone
What can free the guilty ones
What can save and overcome
Overcome

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Jesus Paid It All

1 I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

2 Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

*Jesus paid it all all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

3 For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb

0 Praise the One who paid my debt and
Raised this life up from the dead

4 And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

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Mighty To Save

1 Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

*Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

2 So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

You Are My Vision

1 You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light

2 You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me together we're one

3 You are my battle-shield sword for the fight
You are my dignity You're my delight
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower
Come raise me heavenward O power of my power

4 I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance now and always
You and You only the first in my heart
High king of Heaven my treasure You are

5 High king of Heaven when victory's won
May I reach Heaven's joy O bright Heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O ruler of all

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DISMISSAL

Leader: *Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Notes

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers...

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved at Apostles. If you have questions this morning, you can fill out the yellow card under the chair in front of you .

Discovering Apostles Membership Class—This class includes teaching about Church of the Apostles and information about becoming a member of this church. Our next class will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 9am-12noon. *If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 782-0550 x29 or marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.*

Join A Community Group—Are you interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Do you desire to have relationships in the church that go deeper than surface level conversations? Join a Community Group! *Please contact Ford Jordan if you have any questions (ford@apostles-raleigh.org).*

The Pulse Email Newsletter—If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles, simply fill out the yellow card under the seat in front of you with your email and drop it in the offering basket.

PEARUSA eNewsletter You can sign up for email updates about PEARUSA, the church movement of which Apostles is a vital part. Simply go to www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up and enter your email address.

ApostlesLink.org—Are you a member or involved in the life of Apostles? Join our new online communication tool: Apostles Link. *To get a login, email Julie at julie@apostles-raleigh.org.*

This Week @ Apostles

The following are some events taking place at Apostles. If you would like more info, please visit our website.

Sunday, October 13

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am

Sunday School—10-10:50am

Monday, October 14

Women in the Word—7-9pm: Room 201

Muffins & More—10-11:30am: Room 208

Tuesday, October 15

Women's Bible Study—12:30-2pm

Prayer—2-4pm: Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 16

GiG Women's Bible Study—9:30-11:30am

Thursday, October 17

Men's Fraternity—6:45am-8am

Advent Choir

The Advent Choir for our Lessons and Carols service will begin on Tuesday evening, October 15. We will rehearse from 7-9:00 p.m. in Sunday School Room 203. Once again we will be joined by a children's choir ages 8-14, but we won't begin the children's choir until the first week of November (Tuesday, Nov. 5). While you do need to be able to sing, having sung in a choir before is not a prerequisite. The Lessons and Carols service is scheduled for both services on Sunday morning, December 15. Our rehearsal dates are as follows: Tuesdays October 15; 22; November 5; 12; 19; December 3; 10; and Saturday, December 14 from 9-12:00. *Please contact Jonathan Noël (jonathan@apostles-raleigh.org) or Marilee Vana (919-971-7890 or marileevana@gmail.com).*

September Finances

Apostles Children's Ministry

Nursery—The lesson for this week is Genesis 8 and 9; God Sends a Rainbow. The verse is "Whatever you do, do your work for the Lord." Colossians 3:23.

Kids Time—This week's lesson is: "God's wonderful Surprise" - the story of the resurrection from Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20. Mission Focus for October is Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. Memory Verse is Philippians 4:6-7.

October Mission Focus—The mission focus this month will be Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse.

Sunday School—The 4 year olds through 3rd grade report to the Kids Time room. 4th-5th go to room 208. Peter heals the sick and raises the dead Acts 9:31-43.

Big Time—We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services.

1st Communion Class—Sunday, Oct. 20th. 3:00-4:30. All children 6 and older are invited to attend with their parents. This class helps equip parents to assist their children in understanding the purpose and significance of Communion and teaches the specifics so when they take Communion in worship it will be a meaningful experience. At least one parent is expected to attend the class with the child or children. *Please contact Suzie Manczak, susie@apostles-raleigh.org or 782-0550.*

Getting Involved at Apostles

Adult Sunday School—Sundays at 10am—Visit the website for a lists of classes: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/adult-sunday-school/>

One Step at a Time—Led by Lauren & Brian Mann, & Robin Bolash—Room 205

In His Image—Led by Andy Alspaugh & Scott Garrison—Room 204

Parenting: Biblical Perspectives & Personal Experiences—Led by Billy & Cathy Williams, Jim & Ann Dotson—Room 201

Transformative Bible Study for Community Groups—Led by Ford Jordan & Eric Bolash—Room 203

Children's Sunday School—Sundays at 10am—For ages birth through 5th grade

Student Ministry Small Groups—Sundays at 6pm—Church of the Apostles

The Vine—Apostles 20s/30s Community—If you are in your 20s or 30s and looking for community at Apostles, please come and join us for the Vine Community Group this Tuesday night (10/1) as we begin our study in the book of James. We'll gather at the Jordan's house (702 E Hargett St) at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome. If you already have a copy of the James study guide, please complete chapter 1. If you would like a study guide, they are available at church on Sunday. Contact Ford for more information (ford@apostles-raleigh.org). We hope to see you there.

Want to join a Community Group?—Contact ford@apostles-raleigh.org

Women's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

Women's Retreat—February 7-9—
Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach—
Register online: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-retreat/>

GIG (Growing in Grace) Bible Study for Women—Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am
If you would like to register, visit our website.
Contact Susan Blazier
at susanblazier@yahoo.com or 919-280-6302.

Muffins & More—2nd & 4th Mondays | 10am-11:30am
Contact: Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com, 783-5043) or Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370). No childcare is provided.

Women in the Word—Mondays | 7pm-9pm
Contact Prissy Stufflebeam (prissy@nc.rr.com, 876-0429) or Elizabeth Nichols (enicholsslp@gmail.com or 266-1930)

"Breaking Free" by Beth Moore—Tuesdays | 12:30-2:00 PM | Begins October 1—Study of "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore (*newest updated version)
Contact Liz Rickner | eb2926@nc.rr.com | 919-301-8569

Men's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

Men's Retreat—October 25-27—Camp Willow Run—Register online now: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-retreat/>

Blackwater Group—Thursdays | 7am-8am
Location: Ragsdale-Liggett Conference Room: 2840 Plaza Place, Suite 401, Raleigh 27612
Contact Eric Bolash | 919-368-5234 | eric@apostles-raleigh.org

Sleepy Heads—Wednesdays | 7:15am-8:15am
Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 201
Contact Ed Bailey | 919-832-7305 | bailey@redeagle-co.com

Men's Fraternity—Thursdays | 6:45am-8:00am
Location: Church of the Apostles, Room 204
Contact Barney Ford (608-239-8182 | cbf1945@gmail.com) & Bruce Berger (919-783-5900 | bruceberger@mac.com)

Band of Brothers Group—Wednesdays | 7am
Location: Panera Bread at Crabtree Mall
Contact Curt Blazier | curtblazier@gmail.com

Branch & Vine Relationship—Tuesdays | 7pm
Contact Frank Andrassy | 919-649-5480

Crown Financial Ministries

Finances can be challenging, and even overwhelming at times. Our Lord knows this and has written into scripture thousands of verses that address many of the financial issues we face daily. The Crown Financial Ministries small group study is an excellent way to learn God's financial principles with others seeking to be faithful stewards of the resources He entrusts to us. The course covers broad topics such as unwavering hope, true riches, our choices, as well as specifics such as debt, savings, and investing. Sessions run for an hour and consist of a DVD presentation, discussion, reciting one of three memory verses, and daily readings designed to enrich group discussion and learning (about 15 minutes each day). Finally, there are practical applications that are designed to teach you how to do the things that derail most people when it comes to managing their finances. The next group will begin this October 6th (Sunday) at 4:00 PM in the church. Materials cost \$40. Couples may work from one set or buy two. Please reserve your spot with Taylor Waren at tcwaren@gmail.com.

Apostles Student Ministry

October 13—Donut Hour 10am

October 13—NO DEAL (Leader Retreat Weekend)

October 13—NO Small Groups

Please visit our website for sign-ups and more info www.apostles-raleigh.org/students/

Fall Camp at Camp Harrison—November 22-24. This is open to all middle and high school students! Sign up today on the website! www.apostles-raleigh.org/students/

"The Deal" Student Worship in Youth Room

At 11:00am the first three Sundays of the month The Deal worship kicks off. This is a full blown worship experience designed to engage the mind and heart of junior and senior high students. This service not only employs technology, drama, and creativity, but is also designed and led by students.

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today. The words to the songs and the order of service are printed in this bulletin.

Holy Communion is open to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you choose not to partake of the wine, you can receive grape juice from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines.

Please fill out a yellow Connection Card found under the seat in front of you. Then either place it in the offering basket, or, after the service, take it to the Connections Table for a complimentary gift bag. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church or the Apostles.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. While our members and regular attendees will be participating, we do not want you to feel that it is required of you. Thank you for joining us today.

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