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Through Jesus Christ
APRIL 27, 2014
11:00 AM

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who through your Son revealed the truths of your Kingdom, give us eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to obey as you teach us in the power of your Holy Spirit; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed

2 When thru the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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3 And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

4 When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

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God Of Wonders

1 Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth*

2 Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
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At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service that caters to younger children and prepares them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

Holy Spirit

1 Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole

*Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me*

2 Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude

*Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do*

3 Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways

*Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Reading

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 13:1-23 (p. 690-691)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

**Sermon Series:
...and He told them a Parable**

"Tilling the Soil of Your Heart"

The Rev. Ford Jordan

(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" means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for Church of the Apostles, for the Gikomero parish in Rwanda and for the Church worldwide.

People: That through us, you would scatter the seed of your word so that it can be heard, received and multiplied for your glory.

Leader: We pray for those in the world who have heard your word, but not understood its meaning.

People: Speak to them again the message of the gospel, that your love would reach them.

Leader: We pray for those around us who have heard your word, but have fallen away because of the troubles of life.

People: Surround them with your saints and the power of your Spirit to help them out of trouble and into the hope of Christ.

Leader: We pray especially for the ministry of John and Janie Farwell, called by you to scatter the seed of your word through the sport of basketball.

People: Provide for their needs, care for their family and strengthen them for the work of the gospel.

Leader: We pray for any who are sidetracked from hearing your word because of worry or the love of wealth.

People: Awaken faith in them to believe in your provision and trust in you alone.

*Leader: Father, hear us now as we humbly submit our needs to your care.
(You are invited to boldly speak out your prayers to the Lord, aloud or in your heart.)*

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Lord Jesus, you gave your body and poured out your blood for our forgiveness, and we admit that we have sinned against you with the actions of our hands, the thoughts of our minds and the attitudes of our hearts. We have poured out anger and jealousy, immorality and idolatry, gossip and quarreling. We come to you with sincere sorrow, and turn away from our sin. Lead us to true repentance, so that we will know you and know the power of your resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our merciful High Priest. Amen.

Leader: When the Lord forgives our sin,

People: We are cleansed from all unrighteousness.

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!

**4 By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain,
Although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain,
And I am owned a child.*

5 Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

**6 Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.*

7 'Til then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

**Spoken*

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Music: Alexander Reinagle

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: 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.

Hallelujah What A Savior

1 Man of Sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

3 Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

4 Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His cry
Now in heav'n exalted high
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

5 When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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Jesus I Come

1 Out of my bondage sorrow and night
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into thyself
Jesus I come to Thee

2 Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant Psalm
Jesus I come to Thee

3 Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee

4 Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee

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Forever Reign

1 You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love
On display for all to see
You are light, You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope
You have covered all my sin

2 You are peace, You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life
In You death has lost its sting

*(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign*

3 You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

My heart will sing no other Name
Jesus, Jesus

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Now may the God who saves and redeems you strengthen you for every good work, and fill your heart with His peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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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 in the fall. *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.*

The Ebenezer: Apostles' Blog—Would you like to hear stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Apostles? Check out our blog! www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/

This Week @ Apostles

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

Sunday, April 27

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am
Sunday School—10-10:50am

Monday, April 28

Muffins & More—10-11:30am: Room 208
Women in the Word—7-9pm: Rooms 202-205

Tuesday, April 29

Women's Bible Study—12:30-2:00: Room 201
Prayer—2-4pm: Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 30

Sleepyheads Bible Study—7:15-8:15am: Rm 208

Thursday, May 1

Men's Fraternity—6:45-8:00am

Saturday, May 3

Baptism Class—9-10:30am

National Day of Prayer — May 1

The National Day of Prayer will take place on Thursday, May 1st. This year, there are two NDP events at which many area-wide churches will join together.

1. First, there will be a **NDP Prayerwalk** from noon to 1:00 p.m. at Halifax Mall (300 N. Salisbury St. in downtown Raleigh), which is the large green space directly behind the NC Legislature Building (16 W. Jones St.). Look for the National Day of Prayer station at the Mall.
2. Second, there will be an **National Day of Prayer Capital-Area Service** for Christians from across the area churches at Providence Baptist Church, 6339 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. A special Scripture prayer book will be given to everyone who participates.

National Day of Prayer celebration for Apostles Men

- we are holding our regular celebration of the National Day of Prayer on May 1st at 6:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- all Men welcome, bring guests
- we will have coffee at 6:45 and commence at 7:00 for an hour

Apostles Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School is June 23-27! VBS is now FULL! The remaining spaces are reserved for children of volunteers. Contact robin@apostles-raleigh.org to volunteer or add your child to the wait list.

Children's Ministry Newsletter—Don't receive the newsletter? *Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to be added to the list.*

Nursery—The nursery lesson for this week is Luke 24:13-35, The Road to Emmaus. The memory verse for April is "Jesus said, 'Go and tell the good news.'" Mark 16:15.

March-April Mission Focus—Next week (May 4) is our last week for collecting first aid supplies for the Rwanda Team to take to our sister church in July! Suggested items include: band-aids, antibiotic ointment, thermometers, gauze, etc.

Kids Time—God Creates Everything. Genesis 1-3. *Since Christmas, we've been learning about Jesus' life, ministry, and teachings. Now that we've celebrated Jesus resurrection, we're backing up to the beginning and spending the next 8 months studying the Old Testament and looking forward to Jesus' birth at Christmas. The April memory verse is Romans 5:8, 6:23 (Seeds of Worship track #3).

Sunday School—PreK-3rd grade are studying The Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37. Fourth and fifth grade continues to study the book of Philippians with Inductive Bible Study Methods.

Big Time—We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services. There is no Big Time this week. The April memory verse is Romans 5:8, 6:23 (Seeds of Worship track #3).

Getting Involved at Apostles

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

Adult Sunday School—Sundays at 10am

Student Ministry Small Groups—Sundays at 6pm—Church of the Apostles—Contact curt@apostles-raleigh.org or kara@apostles-raleigh.org

The Vine—20s/30s Community—Contact ford@apostles-raleigh.org

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

Women's Ministry

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

GIG (Growing in Grace) Bible Study—

Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am

Sign ups for next Fall's study of Matthew will begin soon. If you would like to visit the study to see how it works before committing, please join us on March 26th from 9:45am - 11:30am. Due to logistics, we cannot offer childcare to visitors that day. 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.

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

Summer Bible Study for Women

Life is full of interruptions: they're aggravating and sometimes infuriating. But how we handle interruptions actually tell us about ourselves. The prophet Jonah's existence was interrupted by a call of God that would require a complete change of life. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. Come join other Apostles women this summer to consider how God often interrupts our journeys by offering a divine invitation to be part of something more. The study will be Monday nights at 7 pm and will run from 6/9-7/28. To sign up, contact Betty Edwards at 919-787-4565 or ejeraleigh@aol.com. The cost is \$13 for study guide.

Men's Ministry

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

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

MEN: You're Needed as a Jobs for Life Mentor

A new class needs two mentors/champions to help participants as they learn their value in God's eyes, and about the biblical value of work. The class will meet Mondays & Thursdays, 5-7pm starting April 28 and ending June 23rd. (No class on Memorial Day). The class will meet at the Light Of Life Ministries, 1520 Brookside Dr. Unit 5, Raleigh, NC 27604--located near the Circus restaurant where Atlantic Ave crosses under Capital Blvd. *If you would like to volunteer in this class, please contact John Whisler, who will be teaching: john.w.whisler@gmail.com.*

Adult Sunday School

Please come and join any of our Adult Sunday School classes!

How then shall we live?

Led by Brent Burgess, Alpesh Patel & Curt Blazier
Room 201

That The World May Know

Led by John Farwell
Room 204

Jesus and Money

Led by Sam Bass & Taylor Waren
Room 203

Sermon on the Mount

Led by Eric Bolash & Owen Kelly
Room 205

Apostles Student Ministry

April 27

Donut Hour 10am

NO DEAL

Small Groups are on! Check with your leader!

"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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