

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found ·
Transform the City through Jesus Christ*
MAY 11, 2014
11:00 AM

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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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-7 (p. 740)

VIDEO

Marvelous Light

*Into marvelous light I'm running
Out of darkness out of shame
Through the cross You are the Truth
You are the Life You are the Way*

1 I once was fatherless
A stranger with no hope
Your kindness wakened me
Wakened me from my sleep now
Your love it beckons deeply
A call to come and die
By grace now I will come
And take this life take Your life

*Sin has lost its power
Death has lost its sting
From the grave You've risen
Victoriously*

2 My dead heart now is beating
My deepest stains now clean
Your breath fills up my lungs
Now I'm free now I'm free

Lift my hands and spin around
See the light that I have found
Oh the marvelous light marvelous light

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MESSAGE

Sermon Series:

...and He told them a Parable

"Parable of the Lost Sheep"

Mia Dezzutto & Julian Kline

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Response to the Message

Silent Confession

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” - 1 John 1:9

Prayers for Those in Need

Peace

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

You Bled

1 You bled Your heart out
Now I feel love beat in my chest
How wonderful
You gave Your beauty
In exchange for my ugliness
How wonderful
You left Your perfection
And embraced our rejection

*How marvelous how boundless
Is Your love, is Your love
How wonderful sacrificial
Is Your love for me*

2 You put on our chains
Sent us out through the open door
How wonderful
You took our sadness
Crowned us with joy and real peace
How wonderful
You left Your perfection
And fought for our redemption

Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
How wonderful
Yes Jesus loves me

This is love You gave Yourself

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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.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

1 How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2 Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3 I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Christ Is Risen

1 Let no one caught in sin
Remain inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

*Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave*

2 Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O Church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O Church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead
He's alive He's alive

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Upside Down Under

You Alone Can Rescue

1 Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still

*You alone can rescue
You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us led us out of
death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

2 You O Lord have made a way
The great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes Your love goes further still

We lift up our eyes
Lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life

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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 to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. Amen.

I'll Fly Away

1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

*I'll (fly away) fly away O glory
I'll (fly away) fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)*

2 When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

3 Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

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DISMISSAL

Leader: *Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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.*

This Week @ Apostles

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

Sunday, May the Fourth

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

Tuesday, May 6

Prayer—2-4pm: Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

Men's Fraternity—6:45-8:00am

Raleigh Fellows

Host Families Needed

As we finish well with the 2014 Raleigh Fellows we're excited to begin preparing for the incoming 2015 class starting in the Fall. If you are interesting in being a Host Family or Mentor to a Fellow for 9 months, please email Ashley Crutchfield at ashley@raleighfellows.com for more information. Fellows are young, vibrant, energizing- and a gift to be around!

Youth Fundraiser

Today we are kicking off our "Pushing the Envelope" fundraiser for student missions! We have labeled envelopes 1-144 and have encouraged the congregation to each take one envelope. We are then asking that you would give the same amount of money as the number written on the envelope! For example, if you take the envelope labeled 74, you would contribute \$74. If all 144 envelopes are taken, we will raise over \$10,000! Thanks so much for your support!

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 Acts 21 & 22; Paul Obeys God. Our memory verse for this month is Jeremiah 33:3. It is Seeds of Encouragement track #1.

Mission Focus—We are beginning to collect healthy after school snacks (non-perishable), postage stamps, and tall kitchen trash bags for House of Hope, a ministry that helps share the love of Jesus with teenage girls.

Kids Time—The Flood (Genesis 6-9). *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. Our memory verse for this month is Jeremiah 33:3. It is Seeds of Encouragement track #1.

Sunday School—PreK-3rd Grade: Jesus helps Thomas Believe (John 20:24-29), 4th and 5th grade will continue their inductive Bible study of Philippians.

Big Time—There is no Big Time this week. We have Big Time on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month at both services. We will be working on creating an OT timeline as a class to put up in our Big Time Classroom. Our memory verse for this month is Jeremiah 33:3. It is Seeds of Encouragement track #1.

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—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 Suzanne Garrison suzgarrison@icloud.com or 919-607-0267.

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. Register by Monday, June 2nd, books have to be ordered.

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

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.*

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Teacher Appreciation Sunday is next Sunday, May 18th! Please join us in thanking our Sunday School teachers by encouraging your child to make a card and/or a small gift of thanks.

Sermon Series Art

During the span of our sermon series on the parables of Jesus, we will be displaying artwork in the lobby illustrating each of the parables. Please take some time to check out the art as a way to deepen your understanding and appreciation for the stories that Jesus used to make his Word known to more people.

April Financial Update

(7/1/13-4/30/14)

Budgeted contributions	\$1,405,780
Actual contributions	\$1,435,729
Budgeted expenses	\$1,376,141
Actual expenses	\$1,279,389

Freedom for Mission, our debt-reduction fund, has received \$2,257 during April and \$333,321 since its inception in April 2010. We ask that you pray for our Ministry Leaders, Finance Committee and our Leadership Council as we finalize the budget for Fiscal 2015 which begins July 1st.

Apostles Student Ministry

May 11

Mother's Day service down stairs at 8:30 & 11am

No Donut Hour

No Small Groups

"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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