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Through Jesus Christ
JULY 27, 2014

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.

Holy Is The Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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How Great Is Your Faithfulness

1 Now unto the King who reigns over all
And never changes or turns
Unfailing justice unfading grace
Whose promises remain
Yes Your promises remain

*The heavens ring
The saints all sing
Great is Your faithfulness
From age to age we will proclaim
Great is Your faithfulness
How great is Your faithfulness*

2 Ev'rything changes but You stay the same
Your Word and kingdom endure
We lean on the promise of all that You are
And trust forevermore
We will trust forevermore

From generation to generation
You never failed us O God
Yesterday and today and tomorrow
Until the day You return

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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.

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

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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 25:1-13 (p. 702)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:
...and He told them a Parable
"Prepared?"

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: Father, we pray for the ministry of Jobs for Life in our city.

People: Show your power in every Jobs for Life class, so that those seeking work will find employment and know the truth of their identity in Christ.

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)

Leader: Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Gracious and compassionate Father, we admit that we have too often chosen bitterness and envy, greed and hatred, gossip and slander, arrogance and self-indulgence. We have not sought first your Kingdom and your righteousness, but have lived instead for our own desires. Have mercy on us. Purify our hearts. Cleanse our lips. Redeem our eyes, ears, hands and feet. Restore us to the presence and power of your Holy Spirit, that we would be compelled to humility, kindness, generosity and faith; through Christ our Lord. 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. Amen.

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

Rejoice

1 Come and stand before your maker
Full of wonder full of fear
Come and behold His power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near
For the One who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love

Rejoice

Come and lift your hands and raise your voice

He is worthy of all praise

Rejoice

Sing the mercies of your King

And with trembling rejoice

2 We are children of the promise
The beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness
Bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go

3 All our sickness all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us
He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph
Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed

Rejoice

Come and lift your hands and raise your voice

He is worthy of all praise

Rejoice

Sing the mercies of your King

And with trembling rejoice

Rejoice

When you cry to Him He hears your voice

He will wipe away your tears

Rejoice

In the midst of suffering

He will help you sing

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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.

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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All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come

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Be Thou My Vision

1 Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

2 Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

3 Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

O God, be my everything
Be my delight
Be Jesus my glory
My soul satisfied

4 High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

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Byrne Refrain by Ascend The Hill

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.

And Can It Be

1 And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

2 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

3 Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

4 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

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DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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 September 13. *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, July 27

Worship Service—10am

Tuesday, July 29

Prayer—1-3pm: Sanctuary

Outdoor Baptism

We will have an outdoor baptism service for older children and adults on Sunday, August 10 at Mike & Jennifer Kromhout's house (4124 Converse Dr | Raleigh, NC 27609) immediately after the 10:00 service. If you or your child are interested in the immersion baptism, please email marsha@apostles-raleigh.org. We ask that at least one parent of the child being baptized be a member at Apostles. Everyone is invited to attend the baptism.

Fellows Program Needs

Host Families! Please consider opening a spare room in your home to a Raleigh Fellows for the 2014-2015 school year. Fellows come here eager to learn, serve, and grow in their relationship with the Lord. *Contact Ashley Crutchfield if you're interested!*
ashley@raleighfellows.com or 919.614.7634

Apostles Children's Ministry

Summer Volunteers—We still need to fill a number of spots nursery and KidsTime slots in July and August, contact rossetti@apostles-raleigh.org to sign up!

Nursery— The lesson this week is "Deborah obeys God" (Judges 4). Our memory verse is Deuteronomy 6:5.

Kids Time—The lesson this week is Judges (Judges 2-3). We are memorizing Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

Big Time—3rd-5th grade students are invited to join the Big Time Challenge, a chance to learn more about God and work as a team toward a party! Check out the instructions in the lobby today!

Mission Focus—We are collecting 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.

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

Getting Involved at Apostles

Student Ministry Summer Meetings—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/>

Ladies Meet and Treat - Have you ever wished you could meet more women at Apostles, but do not have the time to make a big commitment? Well, now is your chance! Make a new connection each month and get to know some of the amazing women at this church. Here is how it works: you are given the name of someone new to meet with each month. The two of you connect and come up with a time to meet. It could be a meal, coffee, a play date - whatever works for the two of you! *If this interests you or if you have questions about how it works, contact Janet Whited 919-348-6087 or janetwhited@nc.rr.com.*

Women's Retreat 2015—Save the date for the 2015 Women's Retreat in Wrightsville Beach, NC (February 6-8). We will hear from the engaging, encouraging, entertaining Kim Hall (www.givenbreath.com) and worship with our very own Christa Wells (www.christawellsmusic.com). More info coming this Fall.

Growing in Grace Bible Study—Meets Wednesdays starting Sept 10 from 9:30am-11:30am. We will be studying The Gospel of Matthew. Registration is open for this study and the children's program (child care available for a small fee). *Contact Suzanne Garrison (suzgarrison@me.com). For more information and to register, visit the church website.*

Muffins 'n More—Sept 8 | 2nd & 4th Mondays from 10-11:30am. A year long study of 1 Corinthians. *Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com 783-5043) and Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com 781-4370). No childcare available.*

"Tuesdays at Noon" will be studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians w/ Beth Moore—Starting Oct 7. The cost is \$16 for a workbook. *Contact Liz Rickner (eb2926@nc.rr.com or 252-671-6205).*

Men's Ministry

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

Men's Breakfast Club—You can join our once a month opportunity to meet other men via the Breakfast Club. Once month you will be paired with one other man to have breakfast and get to know each other. *To join send your name and email to Ryan Smith: rtsmith5@gmail.com*

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

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

Branch & Vine Relationship—2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 7pm | Andrassy's House
Love One Another Bible Study—The Christian life is all about relationships. It's God's design for our personal growth, which then translates into church growth—the real kind. Loving one another is a powerful relationship and evangelistic tool, as Jesus says: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Come join us! Contact: Frank Andrassy fandrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370 (home), or 649-5480 (cell).

Sleepy Heads—On Summer Rejuvenation. Beginning again in September on Wednesdays. 7:15–8:15am; Church of the Apostles, Room 208
Contact T. Ed Bailey 919-832-7305 or bailey@redeagle-co.com

Childcare in the Fall

Do you have a couple of hours free on Wednesday mornings beginning in September? Would you like to make a huge impact in that short amount of time? Need a little extra spending money? We have a great opportunity for you! We are looking for workers for the nursery during the Wednesday morning women's Bible Study (Growing in Grace). You would get to hold sweet babies or do fun lessons and activities with great kids, and at the same time you would be ministering in a huge way to the moms attending the study. The lessons and activities are already planned and organized for you. Time: Wednesdays from 9:25am to 11:35am, beginning September 10. Pay: \$30/day. If you would be willing to be an occasional sub, please also respond. *Please contact Suzanne Garrison at suzgarrison@me.com or 919-607-0267. We would love to have you as part of our team!*

The Vine—20s/30s

Downtown Dinners on Wednesdays
All are welcome to join the Vine Community for **Downtown Dinners** on Wednesday evenings in Richard and Jessica Shore's backyard, 412 Watson St. We'll play field games, jump rope, and share a meal with neighbors at the Eastwood Court apartments. We'll gather from 6:30-8 PM on July 30, Aug 6 and 20.

Apostles Student Ministry

July 30: Adventure Landing/Frankie's Fun Park TBD (7-8:30)

IMPACT Week (August 4-8) for middle schoolers is FULL! To get on the waitlist, please contact kara@apostles-raleigh.org.

"The Deal" Student Worship will return in the Fall!

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 and place it in the offering basket when it comes around. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church of 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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