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Through Jesus Christ
JULY 6, 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.

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

2 Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

4 He speaks and list'ning to His voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The humble soul believes

5 My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

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Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

1 Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

*Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

2 Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

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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 18:21-35 (p. 695)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:

...and He told them a Parable

"Justice or Mercy? Which Do You Want?"

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 for one of our mission partners, Gateway Ministry, as they minister to women and men who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies.

People: Lead them to extend care with the gracious and compassionate love that you show to us all.

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

Jesus Thank You

1 The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus thank You*

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

Jesus thank You

Once Your enemy now seated at Your table

Jesus thank You

2 By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

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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 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

O 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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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

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman
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Arise My Soul Arise

1 Arise my soul arise
Shake off thy guilty fears
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surely stands
My name is written on His hands

2 He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for all our race
His blood atoned for all our race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

*Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise
Arise my soul arise!
Arise (arise), Arise (arise), Arise
Arise my soul arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

3 Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him oh forgive they cry
Forgive him oh forgive they cry
Nor let that ransomed sinner die

4 The Father hears Him pray
His dear Anointed One
He cannot turn away
The presence of His Son
His Spirit answers to the Blood
His Spirit answers to the Blood
And tells me I am born of God

5 My God is reconciled
His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And father Abba Father cry

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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 Then Shall Live

1 I then shall live as one who's been forgiven
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid
I know my name is clear before my Father
I am His child and I am not afraid
So greatly pardoned I'll forgive my brother
The law of love I gladly will obey

2 Your kingdom come around and through and in me
Your pow'r and glory, let them shine through me
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor
And may Your living kingdom come in me
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor
And may You feed a hungry world through me

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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, July 6

Worship Service—10am

Tuesday, July 8

Prayer—1-3pm: Sanctuary

The Vine

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 16, 23, 30, Aug 6 and 20. Please RSVP to jessica.h.shore@gmail.com.

Silver Saints (50+)

Save the Date and Join Us!

Silver Saints Fellowship (for those over 50). Join us Sunday, July 20th at 6pm at Sassool's (formerly Neomonde) at 9650 Strickland Road. Please RSVP by Monday, July 14 to Betty Edwards (ejeraleigh@aol.com or 919-787-4565). Come for an evening of fun and fellowship to meet new friends and be with friends you may not have seen recently.

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 "12 Scouts in the Promised Land" (Numbers 13-14). Our memory verse is Deuteronomy 6:5.

Kids Time—The lesson this week is "12 Scouts in the Promised Land" (Numbers 13-14). 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/>

Women's Retreat 2015—Save the date for the 2015 Women's Retreat in Wilmington, 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.

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. We plan to begin meeting in July.

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/>

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—We are off for the summer, but some small groups are still meeting. Contact Mike Kromhout (mikromhoutnc@gmail.com) to join.

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

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

Mentor Meeting! If you're interested in being a mentor for a Raleigh Fellow from September 2014-May 2015, please join us for an informational meeting on Monday, July 21 at 7:30pm at church. If you're planning to join us to learn more about what it means to mentor a Raleigh Fellow, contact *Marilyn Young* marilynjordanyoung@gmail.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!

Apostles Student Ministry

July 9 NO HIGH SCHOOL MEETING | Middle Schoolers meet 7:30-8:30 at Ben and Jerry's North Hills.

High schoolers will be on the REACH mission trip in Scioto County, OH July 5-13. Please pray for 51 students and adult leaders!

IMPACT week for middle schoolers is almost full! Dates are Aug 4-8, please contact kara@apostles-raleigh.org for more info.

"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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