

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
AUGUST 24, 2014
11:00AM*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Praise Him

1 Turn your ear to heaven
And hear the noise inside
The sound of angel's awe
The sound of angel's songs
And all this for a King
We could join and sing
All to Christ the King

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
He is holy! He is holy!*

2 Turn your gaze to heaven
And raise a joyous noise
The sound of salvation come
The sound of rescued ones
And all this for a King
Angels join to sing
All for Christ the King

How constant how divine
This song of ours will rise
O how constant how divine
This love of ours will rise
Will rise

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
He is holy! He is holy!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is holy! He is holy!*

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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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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.

Agnus Dei

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

*Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:27-2:11 (p. 831)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:
Rejoice! The Letter to the Philippians
“Live Worthy”

The Rev. Patrick Dominguez
(There is a space for sermon notes on page 9.)

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

Sermon Notes

THE APOSTLES CREED (said together)

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

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

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

**The phrase "holy catholic Church" 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: Carry on to completion the good work you have begun in the Church until the day of Christ's return.

Leader: We pray for those in positions of leadership in our nation, and for governing authorities throughout the world.

People: In your sovereignty, accomplish justice and peace through them. Lead us to submit to all in authority who are established by you.

Leader: Strengthen us as a church community to love one another sincerely, being devoted to one another in brotherly love and honoring one another above ourselves.

People: Make us joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. Lead us to share with God's people who are in need and practice hospitality.

Leader: For the work of our mission partner Beyond Imagination.

People: Help them to walk alongside those who need healing from relational, physical and emotional brokenness.

Leader: Father, we pray for the community of Ferguson, Missouri, and our nation in a time of tension and fearfulness.

People: Bring an end to violence and protect the people of their city; lead our nation to repentance where seeds of hatred or racism have grown.

*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 confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. 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

He Is Lord

1 Emptied of His glory
God became a man
To walk on earth in
Ridicule and shame
A Ruler yet a Servant
A Shepherd yet a Lamb
A Man of Sorrows agony and pain

2 Humbled and rejected
Beaten and despised
Upon the cross the
Son of God was slain
Just like a lamb to slaughter
A sinless sacrifice
But by His death His loss became our gain

*He is Lord He is Lord
He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord
Ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord*

3 Satan's forces crumbled
Like a mighty wall
The stone that held Him
In was rolled aside
The Prince of Life in glory
Was lifted over all
Now earth and heaven echoes with the cry

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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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Stronger

1 There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

2 Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

*You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen!
Jesus, You are Lord of all*

3 No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, Be lifted higher

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Jesus Messiah

1 He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

2 His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil
was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

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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

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and forever. Amen.

Ancient Of Days

*Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow
At Your throne in worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days*

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

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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 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 Lee Hilts if you have any questions (lee@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, August 24

Worship Service—8:30am & 11:00

Tuesday, August 26

Prayer—1-3pm: Sanctuary

Upcoming Schedule

Vision Sunday: September 7, 10am. Congregation meeting to talk about areas of focus in the year ahead.

Sundae Sunday/First Sunday of Sunday School: September 14, 10am. Sundae Sunday will now be the kickoff and first Sunday of Sunday School. Parents and kids will pick up their ice cream and head to class to create their sundae and hear about the coming year. Adult Sunday School participants can pick up donuts and coffee and meet their "classmates" and classes will start at 10:20.

Adult Sunday School Classes—Beginning September 14

You can read more about the classes being offered and also register for a class online:

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/adult-sunday-school/>

Parenting Teens – Led by Dale & Anne Armstrong & Team

Apostles In Rwanda: Learning from Our Partnership – Led by Sue Koehler & Team

Ecclesiastes: What Matters & What's Meaningless – Led by Eric Bolash & Eric Oltman

That The World May Know – Led by John Farwell

Families with Special Needs – Led by Jeanne & Jackson Moore

Apostles Children's Ministry

Nursery— Our memory verse is Deuteronomy 6:5. This week we are learning about how God chose David as Israel's King (1 Samuel 16).

Kids Time—The lesson this week of God chose David as Israel's King (1 Samuel 16). 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! BigTime will resume September 7th.

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.

Volunteers- We are filling our 2014-2015 volunteer calendar, and would love to have you join us! We need over 150 volunteers per month in the Children's Ministry, so we're always looking for new members to our team! *Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to find out how you can serve!*

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—Contact kara@apostles-raleigh.org

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

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

Women's Ministry

For more information on the items below, visit <http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

Ladies Meet and Treat

Connect with other women at Apostles by being matched up for coffee or a meal. Contact Janet Whited 919-348-6087/janetwhited@nc.rr.com.

Muffins 'n More

Studying 1 Corinthians | Begins September 8 | 2nd & 4th Mondays 10:00-11:30am in Room 208 at the church. Contacts: Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com, 783-5043) and Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370). No childcare is provided.

Women in the Word

"Gideon: Your Weakness, God's Strength", taught by Priscilla Shirer | Begins September 8 | Mondays 7pm-9pm. Contact Elizabeth Nichols (eicholsslp@gmail.com or 919-266-1930) or Prissy Stufflebeam (prissyst@nc.rr.com or 919-876-0429).

Tuesdays at Noon

Studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians with Beth Moore | Begins October 7 | Tuesdays 12:00-2:00
The cost is \$16 for a workbook. Contact Liz Rickner (eb2926@nc.rr.com or 252-671-6205).

Growing in Grace Bible Study

Studying the Gospel of Matthew | Begins September 10 | Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 | Childcare for a small fee. Contact Suzanne Garrison at suzgarrison@me.com.

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: rsmith5@gmail.com

Men's Fraternity—Thursdays | 6:30-7:59am | Begins Sept 4 | Location: Apostles | Topic: "The Spiritual Journey of a Man"
Contact Barney Ford (608-239-8182 | cbf1945@gmail.com) & Bruce Berger (919-783-5900 | bruceberger@mac.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 | 919-280-5753

Branch & Vine Relationship—2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 7pm | Andrassy's House
Love One Another Bible Study
Contact: Frank Andrassy fandrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370 (home), or 649-5480 (cell).

Sleepy Heads—Wednesdays 7:15-8:15am | Begins September 10 | Church of the Apostles, Room 208
Contact T. Ed Bailey 919-832-7305 or bailey@redeagle-co.com

Search and Rescue - Fridays 6am-7am | starts Sept. 5 | Church of the Apostles Room 201
Contact Jim Hinkey yojimmyh@gmail.com

Discovering Apostles

This class is a prerequisite to becoming a member at Apostles, but it is also simply a great way to learn more about Church of the Apostles. Our next class will be September 13, 2014 from 9am-12noon. Childcare is available upon request. If you would like to sign up for the class, please email Marsha at marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.

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 for our last dinner from 6:30-8 PM on August 27.

Childcare Supervisor Position Opportunity

The church is seeking a Childcare Supervisor for Sunday nights from 5:45-7:45 to oversee childcare workers that will support Community Groups meeting at the church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. This person must be a female member of the church and the position will be paid. If you are interested, please contact Lee Hilts (lee@apostles-raleigh.org).

Apostles Student Ministry

Upcoming Events:

September 7, 11am—The Deal starts back on Sunday, September 7.

September 7, Evening—Don't forget to mark your calendar for a student ministry cook-out!

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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