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Through Jesus Christ
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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.

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
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Our God You reign forever
Our hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Our Great God

1 Eternal God unchanging
Mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love
Unfailing in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God
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2 Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

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.

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus
Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish
Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory
Joy and crown

2 Fair is the sunshine
Fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels
Heav'n can boast

3 Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

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3 Fair are the meadows
Fairer are the woodlands
Robed in the blooming
Garb of spring
Jesus is fairer
Jesus is purer
He makes our sorrowing spirits sing

4 Beautiful Savior
Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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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 13:44-46 (p. 691)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:

...and He told them a Parable

"The Joyful Discovery"

The Rev. Eric Bolash

(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 our mission partner, House of Hope.

People: Guide them as they seek to bring healing and change through Christ's love to teenage girls and their families.

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

He Hideth My Soul

1 A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord
A wonderful Savior to me
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
Where rivers of pleasure I see

*He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
That shadows a dry thirsty land
He hideth my life with the depths of His love
And covers me there with His hand
And covers me there with His hand*

2 A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord
He taketh my burden away
He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved
He giveth me strength as my day

3 When clothed in His brightness transported I rise
To meet Him in clouds of the sky
His perfect salvation His wonderful love
I'll shout with the millions on high

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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.

I Am The Bread Of Life

1 I am the Bread of life
You who come to Me shall not hunger
You who believe in Me shall not thirst
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draw them

*And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up
And I will raise you up on the last day*

2 The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world
And you who eat of this bread
You shall live forever, you shall live forever

3 I am the Resurrection, I am the Life
You who believe in me
Even if you die, you shall live forever.

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Beautiful Scandalous Night

1 Go on up to the mountain of mercy
To the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore
Be thirsty no more
Go under and be purified

2 Follow Christ to the holy mountain
Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall
Cleanse your heart and your soul
In the fountain that flows
For you and for me and for all

*At the wonderful tragic mysterious tree
On that beautiful scandalous night
You and me were atoned by His blood
And forever washed white
On that beautiful scandalous night*

3 On the hillside you will be delivered
At the foot of the cross justified
And your spirit restored
By the river that pours
From our blessed Savior's side

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Here Is Love

1 Here is love, vast as the ocean
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

2 On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above,
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

*Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten,
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.*

No love is higher, No love is wider
No love is deeper, No love is truer

3 Let me all Thy love accepting
Love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only
And my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory,
Nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

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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.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

2 All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

3 No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness sorrow pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

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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, August 3

Worship Service—10am

Picnic at North Hills Park—after the service

Monday, August 4-Friday, August 8

Impact Week (Middle School)

Tuesday, August 5

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

Nursery— Our memory verse is Deuteronomy 6:5. This week we are learning the story of God's Faithfulness to Ruth.

Kids Time—The lesson this week is God's Faithfulness to Ruth (Ruth 1-4). 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 Aug 6 and 20.

Apostles Student Ministry

August 4-8: IMPACT Week

Arrive between 8:30-9:00 each morning; Pick-up at 4:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday; On Wednesday, pick up at 6:00 (Water Park Day)

August 6: No meetings due to Impact Week

"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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