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Through Jesus Christ
SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, the giver of grace and our only source of true joy, increase our knowledge and deepen our insight into your love for us, so that we can discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

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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Your Great Name We Praise

*Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise*

1 Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise

2 Unresting unchanging and silent as light
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might
Your Justice like mountains high soaring above
Your Clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

3 All life comes from You Lord to both great and small
In all life You live Lord the true Life of all
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail
We wither and perish but You never fail

4 Great Father of Glory pure Father of Light
Your angels adore You all veiling their sight
All praise we will render oh Father of Grace
Till one day in splendor we see face to face

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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.

The Name of Jesus—Words projected on the wall

From "The Valley Of Vision"
(modernized and pluralized for corporate worship)

Your Name

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your name*

2 Jesus, in Your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name

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SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:2-9 (p. 832)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series:

Rejoice! The Letter to the Philippians

"Joy & Peace: The Lord is Near"

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.

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: We pray for our church's Women's Prison Ministry team.

People: Give these women who have been bound up and heavy-laden a new joy of turning their lives over to you and walking as beloved daughters in the freedom of your forgiveness.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we bring before you the people of Syria and Iraq, asking you to be their defender and help in their time of need.

People: We ask you to prevent violence and evil against the Church in these nations, and we pray for your provision for the hungry, the homeless, and the bereaved, so that all people will see your glory and turn to you.

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.**

**The absolution of sin is to be pronounced by a priest who symbolically stands in the authority of God to forgive the sins of those who truly repent (Matthew 16:19, John 20:23).*

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

Lord I Need You

1 Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

2 Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord we need You oh we need You
Ev'ry hour we need You
Our one defense our righteousness
Oh God how we need 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.

I Stand Amazed

1 I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

*How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me*

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You Bled

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

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

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

Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes Jesus loves me! (How wonderful!)
Yes Jesus loves me!
This is love You gave Yourself

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O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus

1 O the deep deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward leading homeward
To my glorious rest above

2 O the deep deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth ever loveth
Changeth never nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth
Watches over them from the throne

3 O the deep deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee

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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.

Be Unto Your Name

1 We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name*

2 We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

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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. Our next class will be held November 9 from 3pm-6pm. *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 (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 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. For more info, please visit our website.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Worship Services—8:30am & 11:00am

Sunday School—10-10:50am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Women in the Word (Women)—7-9pm: 201

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Prayer—1-3pm: Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Sleepyheads (Men)—7:15-8:15am: 208

Growing In Grace (Women)—9:30-11:30am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Men's Fraternity (Men)—6:30-8am

Opportunities to Serve in our Community

Athletes In Action

Athletes In Action is looking for three more host families. Two host families for players from now until November 11. *If you have any questions please contact John and Janie Farwell at 919-264-7399 or at jcw68@aol.com.*

Jobs for Life

There are numerous upcoming opportunities to be involved in Jobs for Life through our various church partners. Please join one listed below! You are welcome to mentor/teach one or two nights a week or be involved in a variety of other ways:

Neighbor to Neighbor

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7-9pm

Sept 30 - Dec 10

All male students. Needs male mentors

Apostles contact: Doug Brogdon

North Raleigh Ministries

Monday 6-8pm, Wednesday 10am-Noon

Sept 15 - Nov 16

Coed. Needs male mentors

Apostles contact: Denise Crumpler

Encouraging Place/PostScript Outreach

Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 - 8:30pm

Sept 23 - Nov 28

All Female. Needs female mentors

Apostles contact: Katie Koon

Alexander YMCA/Community Hope

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm

Through the school year

Coed youth age 13-16. Needs mentors

Apostles contact: Carson Speight

Athletes in Action

Tuesday 10:45 - 12:15 pm, Thursday 7-9pm

Sept 23 - Nov 4

All male. Needs male mentors/teachers

Apostles contact: John Farwell

Apostles Children's Ministry

First Communion Class—This class will be held on October 19 from 3:00-4:30pm. All children 6 and older are invited to attend with their parents. This class helps equip parents to assist their children in understanding the purpose and significance of Communion and teaches the specifics so when they take Communion in worship it will be a meaningful experience. At least one parent is expected to attend the class with the child or children. Please contact Robin Floch, robin@apostles-raleigh.org or 782-0550.

Nursery—Is learning about how God made Solomon Wise. Our memory verse is Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my shepherd, He gives me everything I need."

Kids Time—This week we are continuing to learn about how God Gave Solomon Wisdom (1 Kings 3:1-4). We are memorizing Psalm 23.

Big Time—3rd-5th grade students are encouraged to join the Big Time Challenge by taking notes in the service.

Sunday School Lessons

PreK and Kindergarten: A Very Sad Day: The Fall

1st and 2nd Grade: Psalm 23:1; Trusting God.

3rd Grade: Sometimes Strange Stories from the Old Testament: Balaam and his Donkey (Numbers 22-23).

4th and 5th Grade: Will be studying Bible stories they chose at the beginning of the semester and spending time in small groups.

Mission Focus—We are beginning to talk about Operation Christmas Child- stay tuned for details!

Children's Ministry Newsletter—This once/month newsletter has all the lessons for the month, upcoming dates to note, important announcements, and encouragement for child discipleship in your home. Don't receive it? Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to be added to the list.

How to get involved at Apostles...

Children's Sunday School—10am—For ages birth through 5th grade

Adult Sunday School—10am— 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—Meets in Room 201

Apostles In Rwanda: Learning from Our Partnership – Led by Sue Koehler & Team—Meets in Room 205

Ecclesiastes: What Matters & What's Meaningless – Led by Eric Bolash & Eric Oltman—Meets in Room 203

That The World May Know – Led by John Farwell—Meets in Room 204

Families with Special Needs – Led by Jeanne & Jackson Moore—Meets in Room 202

Redeemer Anglican Church Launch Team Meetings—Led by Ford Jordan—Meets in the Sanctuary

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

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

Women's Bible Studies | <http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

(All women's Bible Studies meet at Church of the Apostles)

Muffins 'n More—Studying 1 Corinthians | 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 | Mondays 7pm-9pm. Contact Elizabeth Nichols (enicholssl@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 12:00-1:30pm | 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 | Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 | Childcare for a small fee. Contact Suzanne Garrison at suzgarrison@me.com.

Men's Bible Studies | <http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

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, 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—Begins October 13 | 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 | Church of the Apostles, Room 208 | Contact T. Ed Bailey 919-832-7305 or bailey@redeagle-co.com

Advent Choir Starts Soon

Singers of Apostles, the Advent Choir is ready to begin rehearsals for our annual Lessons and Carols service at Apostles. This year's service will take place on the morning of Sunday, December 14th. Rehearsals for ages high school to adult will be on Tuesday evenings beginning October 14 from 6:30-8:30 in Room 203. No audition is required, just a willingness to serve and the ability to carry a tune on the right pitches.

A Children's Choir will assemble, rehearsal details to be announced soon.

We are also looking for a pianist who can accompany the choir for rehearsals and the Advent service (approval is recommended). If you have any questions, please contact Marilee Vana (marileevana@gmail.com).

Apostles Student Ministry

Sunday—10:00 Hour Meets today, but No Deal at 11! The Deal is back October 5th!

High School Small Groups (Grades 9-12) Meet this Sunday- for more info please contact kara@apostles-raleigh.org

Middle School Nights (Grade 6-8) Meet 1st and 3rd Sundays

Middle School Events—Please mark Calendars for October 19, November 2, November 16, and December 7.

**Confirmation is October 5, therefore there is no middle school meeting that night

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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