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Through Jesus Christ
SEPTEMBER 7, 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.

Come Worship The Lord

Come worship the Lord
For we are His people
The flock that He shepherds
Alleluia

You Have Saved Us

1 Who am I that You would know me
Who are we to You Lord
You have shown Your love and mercy
We are strangers no more
We are daughters we are sons
All because of what You've done

*You have saved us
You have raised us up with You
You have saved us
Called us out and made us new*

2 Turn our hearts from earthly idols
Turn our eyes to You Lord
Only You can heal what's broken
Only You can restore
We are daughters we are sons
All because of what You've done

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All because of what You've done

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Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

*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*

'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 and kids 3rd-5th grade are invited to go to Big Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service and Big Time is an age appropriate discussion time. Both cater to younger children and prepare 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*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

Philippians 2:19-30 (p. 831)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 12:20-26 (p. 762)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Rejoice! The Letter to the Philippians

"Many Seeds"

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: We pray especially for the ministry of John and Janie Farwell, called to scatter the seed of your word through the sport of basketball in this and other nations.

People: Provide for their needs, care for their family and strengthen them for the work of the gospel.

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.

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

We Crown You Now

Glory to Him who has saved us
And freed us from sin by His blood
Jesus the radiance of God
The glory of the Father in us

*We crown You now with worship and honour
King of kings Lord of lords
There's no other
Holy holy God Almighty
Jesus Lord of all*

You are high and lifted up
High and lifted up
You are high and lifted up
Son of God

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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.

Bless The Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, my soul
And bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
Who leads me into life

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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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This Is Amazing Grace

*This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy worthy worthy

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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.

Holy Spirit

2 Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all we 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 our strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all we 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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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 (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/

Vision Sunday—Today at 10am

If you're here at the 8:30 service, please join us on at 10am in the Sanctuary for Vision Sunday. We will look at the what the Lord has been doing at Church of the Apostles over the past year and also look ahead to the coming year. There will be a special focus on our church plant in downtown Raleigh.

Please make every effort to attend as we will vote on the newest nominees of the Leadership Council and will need a quorum in order for the vote to count. Childcare will be provided for nursery-aged children (birth-4 years old) during the meeting. Older children (4K-5th grade) can attend the meeting. Coloring pages and crayons will be provided for children attending the meeting with their parents.

This Week @ Apostles

The following are some events taking place at Apostles. For more info, please visit our website.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Worship Services—8:30am & 11:00

Vision Sunday—10-10:50am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Muffins & More (Women)—10-11:30am: 208

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Prayer—1-3pm: Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Sleepyheads (Men)—7:15-8:15am: 208

Growing In Grace (Women)—9:30-11:30am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Men's Fraternity (Men)—6:30-8am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Search & Rescue (Men)—6-7am: 201

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Discovering Apostles—9am-12noon: FH

CCDA Conference

The CCDA National Conference is being held at the Raleigh Convention Center from September 24-27. CCDA is a network of Christians who live, work, and minister in some of America's neediest neighborhoods so that people can be restored to God and each other.

Deadline for sign-ups at a lower rate is September 9. After that, you will have to register at the event for a higher price.

To learn more about getting involved with the CCDA Conference, visit our website: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/outreach-and-missions/>

Wednesday Morning Childcare

An opportunity to share the Gospel with sweet little ones or rock adorable babies!! Our Wednesday morning Bible Study, Growing In Grace, is needing 3-4 more childcare helpers. Wednesdays from 9:15-11:35, beginning September 10th. Get paid \$30/day or serve as a volunteer. Stories and simple activities/crafts are already planned. Easy schedule to follow. Even if you can't commit to every Wednesday, but would like to occasionally help, please contact Suzanne Garrison at suzgarrison@me.com or 919-607-0267. We would LOVE to have you!

Apostles Children's Ministry

Nursery— This week we are learning about David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 20). The memory verse is Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my shepherd, he gives me everything I need."

Kids Time—This week we are learning about David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 20). The memory passage is Psalm 23.

Big Time—We start back today! Big Time will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Mission Focus—Our Mission Focus for the next few months is Operation Christmas Child. Stay tuned for more detailed information.

Volunteers- We are filling our 2014-2015 volunteer calendar, and would love to have you join us! We need currently need 50 more 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.

Upcoming Fall Kick-Off at Apostles | Getting Involved at Apostles

Vision Sunday—Sunday, September 7 at 10am

Student Ministry Kick-Off Cookout—September 7 at 4-7pm—Pig Pickin' at the Parker's House (2213 Black Walnut Court—27606)

Discovering Apostles Membership Class—September 13 | 9am-12pm—RSVP to marsha@apostles-raleigh.org

Sundae Sunday—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 doughnuts and coffee and meet their "classmates" and classes will start at 10:20.

Adult Sunday School—Begins September 14 at 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

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

Children's Sunday School—Begins September 14 at 10am—For ages birth through 5th grade

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

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

Silver Saints—For anyone over 50 | Dinner at Sasool (formerly Neomonde) | September 28 @ 5:45pm | RSVP to Betty Edwards at ejeraleigh@aol.com or 919-787-4565

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 | 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 (enicholssp@gmail.com or 919-266-1930) or Prissy Stufflebeam (prissy@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 | Begins September 10 | 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—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 | Begins September 5 | Church of the Apostles Room 201 | Contact Jim Hinkey yojimmyh@gmail.com

Apostles Student Ministry

The Deal—We start back at 11am today, September 7

Kick Off Cook Out Pig Pickin'—September 7, 4-7pm at the Parkers' house! (2213 Black Walnut Court—27606) Join us for the kick off to our 2014-2015 school year, where leaders are introduced and the fall calendar will be announced. This will also be a time to meet our new Director of Student Ministries, Chris Hendricks.

Carowinds Day Trip—Saturday, Sept 20. Sign up online.

Confirmation Update—If you are going through Confirmation on October 5th, don't forget about your meeting with a Pastor! Please contact kara@apostles-raleigh.org to schedule your meeting ASAP.

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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