

Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ
MAY 14, 2017
STUDENT SUNDAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: **Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Leader: *The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.*

All: **Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

Leader: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Open Up The Heavens

1 We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

*Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise*

2 Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

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

*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*

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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CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

People: May the Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

People: May the Word of the Lord grow in your hearts.

Children: Thanks be to God!

People: Go in the peace of the Lord.

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.

STUDENT TESTIMONY

Matt Bocklage

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:13-21 (p. 988)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 19:11-27 (p. 852)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: This Is Love

No Fear in Love

Rev. Patrick Dominguez

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" in the Creed means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you this day for the mothers in our lives.

People: For the unconditional love you instill in their souls, and the sacrifices they make for their children.

Leader: Bless every woman at the beginning of motherhood, caring for newborn babies and toddlers.

People: Bless every mother raising teenage sons and daughters.

Leader: Bless all single mothers, and strengthen them for their calling.

People: Bless every woman called to love and nurture the child of another.

Leader: Bless each young girl among us, and lead them to love and serve you.

People: Bless the young women among us, learning to serve you in their work, families, and friendships.

Leader: Bless every grandmother who cares for their adult children and grandchildren.

People: Bless all mothers grieving the loss of a child.

Leader: Bless and comfort women who yearn to know the calling of motherhood.

People: Make yourself known to mothers who have yet to put their faith in Christ.

Leader: For all mothers who now share in your heavenly banquet, give us joyful memories of how they cared for and loved us.

People: Bless every woman present today. Keep them healthy in body, mind and spirit. Let them turn to you when they struggle, and rejoice when they see you provide.

Leader: Let us take a moment either silently or aloud to pray for the needs in our church and in the world.

Leader: Almighty God, who has promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's Name:

People: Mercifully incline your ear to us and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained according to our needs, and for the praise of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Now, trusting in the kindness and love of God our savior, let us humbly confess our sins to our Lord:

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; that we may live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of your holy name. 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: 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

The Lion And The Lamb

1 He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before
the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb*

2 So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

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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.

A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.

This I Believe (The Creed)

1 Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

2 Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

*I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

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Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

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Forever Reign

1 You are good You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love
On display for all to see
You are light You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope
You have covered all my sin

2 You are peace You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life
In You death has lost its sting

*(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign*

3 You are more You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

My heart will sing no other Name
Jesus Jesus

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

Our God

1 Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You

2 Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God*

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us then what could stand against
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EASTER SHOUT and DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

WELCOME!

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. We want to get to know you! Yellow connection cards can be found under the seats in the sanctuary. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering basket.

Connect



We want to keep you connected to the life of Apostles! To be added to *The Pulse* contacts, fill out a yellow connection card and drop in the offering basket. You will receive our weekly e-newsletter and other important church-wide announcements.



Community

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! Various community groups meet throughout the week. Contact Curt for more information.

Curt Solomon

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Student Ministry Small Groups happen Sundays at 5:30pm during the school year.
(6th - 12th grades)

Contact Chris for more information.

Chris Hendricks

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Abiding Prayer

The Prayer Ministry will have "Abiding Prayer" on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month** in the Youth Room from 7-8pm. This is an hour of quiet, individual, contemplative prayer done together. It's a great time to worship and rest in the Lord. There is something special about doing this together as a group.

On the first Wednesdays of the month there are also prayer teams available to pray one on one with you during the Abiding Prayer time. This is another opportunity to receive prayer by a trained prayer team outside of the Sunday morning service. We hope you can join us on during this time!

Financial Update

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| Budgeted general contributions (7/1/15-4/30/17) | \$1,401,000 |
| Actual contributions | \$1,417,223 |
| Budgeted operating expenses (7/1/15-4/30/17) | \$1,386,018 |
| Actual expenses | \$1,332,517 |

Praise God! We have completed seventeen months of the three year Freedom for Mission pledge journey. We have received \$753,594 toward the \$1,276,214 pledge total. Our loan balance is now \$256,992! Once the loan is paid, every dollar for Freedom for Mission will be going straight toward the mission of the church.

Please pray that we will finish well the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017.

What's Happening at Apostles

Men's Spring Dinner ~ Thursday, May 18 | 6:00pm ~ Men of Apostles! You are invited to join us for this evening of food and fellowship. Invite your neighbors, sons and friends! Please RSVP to Frank Andrassy {frankandrassy@gmail.com}. Volunteer help is also needed.

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! **Contact:** Janet Whited {janetwhited@outlook.com}

This Week

Sunday, May 14 ~ *Mother's Day*

- Worship Service:
8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday School: 10am
- *NO* Deal

Tuesday, May 16

- Tuesday Praise & Prayer:
1:30-3:30pm

Wednesday, May 17

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am
(offsite)
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15-8:15am
- Abiding Prayer: 7-8pm

Thursday, May 18

- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am
(offsite)
- Men's Ministry Dinner: 6pm

Friday, May 19

- Bedheads (W): 6-7am

(M) Men | (W) Women

Coming Soon

SAVE THE DATE ~ Solomon Family & Church Plant Celebration | Sunday June 4 | 6:00pm ~ Join us as we send off the Solomon family and celebrate the Christ Our Hope church plant in Wilmington.

Summer Worship Schedule begins June 11~10am Service

Children's Ministry

Lessons for May 14

- **Nursery:** Singing In Jail {Acts 16:16-34}
- **Kid's Time:** Jesus' Friends Work Together {Acts 11:20-26}

VBS 2017! June 25 ~ 5:30-8pm (covered dish dinner)

Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29 ~ 9am-12pm

Registration : www.apostles-raleigh.org/vbs2017

Student Ministry

- **May 14 ~** Student Sunday | NO DEAL {Mother's Day}
- **May 21 ~** The Deal + Small Groups | 5:30-7pm
- **June 22 ~** Durham Bulls Game | 6:00pm

SUMMER 2017

Middle School Great Escape ~ June 11-16 {Sign ups open!}

High School Mission Trip ~ July 9-15 {Sign ups open!}

Middle School IMPACT Week (local) ~ July 31 - August 4

Gikomero Preschool Supplies

We are collecting supplies for an Embrace Rwanda preschool program in Gikomero. Items can be dropped off in the church lobby.

**Finger puppets
Hand puppets
Crayons
Coloring books
Cardboard puzzles
Onesies**

This is a great way to partner with our sister church in Rwanda! Thank you!

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M-Th 9am-5pm | Fri 9am-12pm

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