

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City
Through Jesus Christ*

JULY 28, 2019

We're glad you're here! This kind of worship service may be new for you. Everything that the congregation says is in **bold** in these pages. Feel free to join in, or just listen. If you have kids, they are welcome to stay through the entire service, or you can bring your infants to the nursery. We also offer children's worship for elementary ages. They'll be dismissed after the singing, and will return before Communion.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high.
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

3 Crown Him the Lord of lords,
Who over all doth reign
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
For ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light,
Where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, King.

4 Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King, to whom is given
The wondrous name of Love,
Crown Him with many crowns,
As thrones before Him fall.
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.

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ACCLAMATION & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

**All: 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.**

Hosanna

1 Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away
Washed away

*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*

2 Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new
'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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We Long To See You

Almighty God, we long to see you;
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

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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.

You Are So Good To Me

"The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation"
- Exodus 15:2a

1 You are so good to me
You heal my broken heart
You are my Father in heaven

*You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet Song
You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet Song
You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet Song
And I will sing again*

2 You ride upon the clouds
You lead me to the truth
You are the Spirit inside me

You are my strong melody
You are my dancing rhythm
You are my perfect rhyme
And I want to sing forever

3 You poured out all Your blood
You died upon the cross
You are my Jesus who loves me

You are my Father in heaven
You are the Spirit inside me
You are my Jesus who loves me

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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 15:1-16:21 (p. 1000)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*One of the characteristics of our worship is the abundance of **Scripture**. We encounter God through his inspired, authoritative Word.*

GOSPEL READING

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

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Luke 11:37-51 (p. 844)

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

*During the **Gospel** reading, we stand to honor Christ because the Gospels represent Christ's presence in the Church through his Word.*

MESSAGE

Revelation: The Throne, The Lamb & The Dragon

The Seven Final Plagues

Rev. Jay Traylor

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: Father, we pray for your Church worldwide, that every member of your Holy Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: Unify your Church in love, and glorify your name in every nation.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: For the mission of Young Life as they proclaim the forgiveness and love that comes through Christ alone;

People: Give courage to those in leadership to boldly share the gospel, so that many students will become followers of Jesus.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: We pray for your protection over this and every nation of the world;

People: Frustrate the ways of the wicked, and lead all who know you to be people of peace.

Leader: Father, hear us now as we present our requests to you in faith. I invite you to lift up your prayers silently or aloud; and if aloud, please pray clearly so that we can hear and agree with you in prayer.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSON OF SIN (said together)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Many people kneel during the **Confession of Sin** as a sign of humility and repentance before God. Confession and repentance are the means God gives us for receiving the forgiveness made possible through Jesus Christ.*

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.

During the **Absolution** the priest declares God's forgiveness as promised in the Bible for all who confess and turn away from their sins. (1 John 1:9)

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

People: And also with you.

The **Peace** reminds us that we must reconcile with one another before we receive Holy Communion (Matthew 5:23). "Peace be with you" or "God's peace" are some of the phrases used as we greet one another.

WELCOME & OFFERING

King Of Kings

1 In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

2 To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

3 And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4 And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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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

*The **stole** worn by the priest symbolizes Jesus taking up the towel for service.*

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

We welcome 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.

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.

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

Wait for the Lord

Ostinato Refrain

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The top staff is soprano, the middle staff is bass, and the bottom staff is bass. The lyrics are as follows:

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6:33, 7:7; Taizé Community, 1984

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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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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Give Thanks To God

*1 He sent His son to die, and rise again to save us
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
He's broken our chains and given us freedom
Give thanks to God for He is good*

*2 In Him we are alive and have joy everlasting
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
He casts out all fear and fills us with courage
Give thanks to God for He is good*

*3 When storms come and rage
His peace overwhelms us
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
The Lord is our refuge when trouble surrounds us
Give thanks to God for He is good*

*4 He's always pouring out His abundant provision
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
For the depths of His riches and incredible wisdom
Give thanks to God for He is good
Give thanks to God for He is good*

**Give thanks to God for He is good
Give thanks to God for He is good**

**We thank You God for You are good
We thank You God for You are good**

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Housefires Sounds

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

Leader: All our problems,

People: we send to the cross of Christ.

Leader: All our difficulties,

People: we send to the cross of Christ.

Leader: All the devil's works,

People: we send to the cross of Christ.

Leader: All our hopes,

People: we set on the risen Christ!

Leader: Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from before your path; and, may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1 O Love that will not let me go

I rest my weary soul in Thee

I give Thee back the life I owe

That in Thine ocean depths its flow

May richer fuller be

2 O Light that follow'st all my way

I yield my flickering torch to Thee

My heart restores its borrowed ray

That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day

My brighter fairer be

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain

I cannot close my heart to Thee

I trace the rainbow through the rain

And feel the promise is not vain

That morn shall tearless be

4 O Cross that liftest up my head

I dare not ask to fly from thee

I lay in dust life's glory dead

And from the ground there blossoms red

Life that shall endless be

George Matheson | Christopher Miner

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*Our service begins with a **processional** where the cross and the clergy “process” into the sanctuary and ends with a **recessional**. Traditionally, the entire congregation processed in together. While that is no longer done, the symbolism remains. We remind ourselves and each other that we follow the cross of Christ into the presence of God to worship him.*

Then we are sent out into the world, following Christ, to love God and our neighbor.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME!

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. We want to get to know you! Connect Cards can be found under the seats in the sanctuary. Turn in completed cards in the lobby for a free gift as a thank you for joining us.

Connect



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



Our online communication tool connects you to ministries and members of the Apostles community. For more info contact Marsha:

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Financial Update

Praise God for His provision during our Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019.

Budgeted general contributions (7/1/18-6/30/19)	\$1,693,600
Actual general contributions	\$1,657,674

While we remained behind our budgeted revenues, our revenues increased \$6,300 over the prior fiscal year. We are truly thankful for God allowing us to manage our expenses throughout this fiscal year. Please pray for our congregation to grow both in attendance and in stewardship as we move into a new fiscal year which began on July 1. The Fiscal 2019 results will be posted to Apostles' Link once the Auditor's review is complete (no later than September 30th).

Community

Interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Consider joining a Community Group! Contact Jay for more information.

Jay Traylor
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The Deal + Small Groups
6th - 12th Grades

Sundays from 6-8pm during the school year. Contact Paul for more information.

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The Vine
20's + 30's Fellowship
Contact Jessie Nordstrom for more information.

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Outreach

A great way to get involved is by connecting with one of our local Mission Partners:

Beyond Imagination
Camp Oak Hill
Community HOPE of the Y
FOCUS Student Ministry
Gateway Women's Care
Gideon International
Hope Reins
House of Hope
International Friends NCSU
Jobs for Life
JusticeMatters
Neighbor To Neighbor
NeighborHealth Center
YoungLife {Raleigh}
Refugee Hope Partners
SafeFamiles of Raleigh
The Encouraging Place
Women's Prison Ministry

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What's Happening at Apostles

School Supply Drive ~ We are collecting student supplies for Neighbor to Neighbor and teacher supplies for Carroll Middle School again this year! Pick up a bag as you leave today and return it with supplies by AUGUST 18th.

LC Listening Post ~ Leadership Council will host its final "listening post" on Sunday, July 28 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come with your questions, concerns and prayers regarding Apostles.

Knitting Fellowship ~ Knitting Fellowship continues tomorrow night. If you would like to learn to knit or already know how to knit/crochet and would like to craft with others, please join us! **July 29, August 12 + 26** Contact: Mona Hall {919-889-1105 | happymonahall@gmail.com}.

This Week

Sunday, July 28

- The Vine Coffee Hour: 9am | Youth Room
- Worship Service: 10:00am
- *For the Life of the World* Video Series {following service}
- LC Listening Post: 7pm

Monday, July 29

- High School Bible Study: 6-7:30pm (offsite)
- Knitting Fellowship: 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, July 30

- Tuesday Prayer: 1:30-2:30pm

Wednesday, July 31

- Band of Brothers (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Middle School Bible Study: 12-1pm Youth Room

Thursday, August 1

- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am (offsite)

(W) - Women | (M) - Men

Coming Soon at Apostles

08/04 ~ Baptism Sunday

08/07 ~ Potluck, Prayer + Praise | ****6:00-8:00pm****

08/12 ~ Pub Theology | 7-9pm | LBC

08/14 ~ Men's Trivia | 8pm | Chow Raleigh

08/18 ~ The Vine Coffee Hour | 9am

09/08 ~ Two Services Resume | 8:30am + 11am

The Vine Coffee Hour | 10am

Men's and Women's Bible Studies will be resuming in the coming months. Be on the lookout for that information soon!

Student Ministry

Summer Bible Studies:

High School ~ Monday, July 29 | 6-7:30pm | offsite

Middle School ~ Wednesday, July 31 | 12-1pm | youth room

Children's Ministry

Lessons for July 28, 2019

- **Nursery:** Safe in the Boat {Genesis 7:17-8:14}
- **Kids Time:** Fruit of the Spirit ~ Peace {Numbers 6:26}

BIG TIME will resume in the fall!

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