

*Seek the Lost · Build up the Found · Transform the City  
Through Jesus Christ*  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

## **My God the Spring of All My Joys**

1 My God the spring of all my joys  
The life of my delights  
The glory of my brightest days  
And comfort of my nights

2 In darkest shades if Thou appear  
My dawning is begun  
Thou art my soul's bright morning star  
And Thou my rising sun

3 The opening heavens around me shine  
With beams of sacred bliss  
If Jesus shows his mercy mine  
And whispers I am His

4 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heaven.

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## **ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY**

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

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.*

**People: 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.**

# Psalm 100

*Leader:*

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

**Age 60 and Up:**

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

*Leader:*

*Know that the Lord is God.*

**Ages 40 to 60:**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

*Leader:*

*We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

**College thru 30's:**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;**

*Leader:*

*Give thanks to him and praise his name.*

**Elementary thru High School:**

**For the Lord is good and  
his love endures forever;**

**ALL:**

**His faithfulness continues through  
all generations.**

## Oh Our Lord

*Oh our Lord, Oh our Lord*

*How majestic is Your Name in all the earth*

1 We behold the breaking dawn  
The light that shines over ev'ryone  
We look to You, we long for You  
Oh Lord

2 We behold the rising sun  
The earth awakes Your hope has come  
We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord

3 We behold the falling rain  
Like waters rise flood this place  
We reach for You, we cling to You, oh Lord

Oh Your Name is a light in the darkness  
Oh Your Name is the word of truth  
Oh Your Name, oh Your Name

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## Only A Holy God

1 Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

2 What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendor outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

3 What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

4 Who else could rescue us from our failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites us to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only our Holy God

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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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23 (p. 441)

*Leader:* *The Word of the Lord.*

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

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

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

Matthew 13:1-9 (p. 794)

*Leader:* *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## MESSAGE

**Vision Sunday**

*Our Cup Overflows*

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, in your great compassion, you go out in search of those who are lost.*

**People: Send us out to join you in the search for all who are lost in their sin and separated from you.**

*Leader: Lord, when we were lost, you searched and found us. Teach us to walk in obedience to your will.*

**People: Cultivate in us the hunger to know you, to obey your Word, and to serve wherever you lead us.**

*Leader: Lord God, mobilize your Church to work for the good of our city and all who live in it.*

**People: Empower us with your Spirit to bless the families, schools, businesses, and government in our city and state, and throughout the world.**

*Leader: We pray especially for our mission partner North Raleigh Ministries, that you would provide people and resources to help them assist those who are in need.*

**People: Show your abundant faithfulness, mercy and love to all who come seeking assistance.**

*Leader: Lord, hear us now as we call out to you on behalf of all who are poor, lonely, sick or in need.*

*You are invited to add your prayers, silently or aloud. Please pray loud enough for all to hear.*

*Leader: Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will;*

**People: To comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.*

## CONFSSION 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.**

—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 (Matt 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 & OFFERING**

### **Shepherd Me, O God**

1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
My spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

3 Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.  
Surely your kindness and mercy follow me  
All the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Marty Haugen

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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.**

## 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

*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.*

## Circle Us, O God

1 Circle us, O God, as we take and eat  
Circle us, O God, as we drink this cup  
Circle us, O God, at this Holy banquet  
Circle us, circle us, O God

2 Circle us, O God, let Your arms enfold us  
Circle us, O God, let your love surround  
Circle us, O God, let your light shine brightly  
Circle us, circle us, O God

Words: based on "Lorica," a traditional Celtic prayer

Music: Author unknown

## No Longer Slaves

1 You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God*

2 From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

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## We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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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

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*

## Our Great God

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God  
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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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## DISMISSAL

**Leader:** *Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.*  
**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# W E L C O M E!

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.



## APOSTLES LINK

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

[marsha@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:marsha@apostles-raleigh.org)



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## Community

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

*Jay Traylor*  
[jay@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:jay@apostles-raleigh.org)



### The Deal + Small Groups

*(6th - 12th grades)*

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

*Emily Gebbie*  
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### The Vine

20's + 30's Fellowship

[cotavine@gmail.com](mailto:cotavine@gmail.com)

## Serve

There are several ways to connect and serve in the life of Apostles. Take a look at our Ministry Teams and find out how you can get involved. If there is an area or gifting that you have that you do not see listed, we want to know about it!

[apostles-raleigh.org/church](http://apostles-raleigh.org/church)

## Seek Prayer

The Apostles Prayer Ministry is a safe place to seek prayer for a variety of concerns.

You will find trained prayer teams and a prayer room at the back of the sanctuary.

[apostles.raleigh.org/prayerministry](http://apostles.raleigh.org/prayerministry)

## 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  
CORRAL Riding Academy  
FOCUS Student Ministry  
Gateway  
Gideon International  
Hope Reins  
House of Hope  
Jobs for Life  
JusticeMatters

Loaves and Fishes Ministry  
Neighbor To Neighbor  
NeighborHealth Center  
North Raleigh Ministries  
YoungLife {Raleigh}  
SafeFamilies of Raleigh  
The Encouraging Place  
Women's Prison Ministry

[apostles.raleigh.org/local](http://apostles.raleigh.org/local)

# What's Happening at Apostles

**Women's Ministry Kickoff** ~ Please join us September 14-15 for our Women's Ministry Kickoff here at Apostles! This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and growth. Cost is \$15.00.  
**Details + Registration:** [apostles-raleigh.org/womenskickoff](http://apostles-raleigh.org/womenskickoff)

**Parenting with a Purpose | September 22** ~ Come for a full day of teaching and skill building designed for parents and rooted in God's word, presented by House of Hope. We believe that God has a heart for families and that he is able to equip parents for the task of leading and guiding their children into successful Christian lives. **Details + Registration:** [apostles-raleigh.org/parenting](http://apostles-raleigh.org/parenting)

## This Week

### Sunday, September 9

- Worship Services: 8:30am + 11am
- Vision Sunday Meeting: 10am
- Youth Fall Kick Off: 5:30pm

### Monday, September 10

- Women in the Word (W): 7-8:45pm

### Tuesday, September 11

- Tuesday Prayer & Praise: 1-2pm

### Wednesday, September 12

- Band of Brothers (M): 7am
- Sleepyheads (M): 7:15am
- Growing in Grace (W): 9:30-11:30am

### Thursday, September 13

- Men's Fraternity (M): 6:30-8am
- Blackwater Group (M): 7-8am (offsite)
- Finance Meeting: 8-9:30am
- Bible Study @ The Cardinal (W): 11am-12pm

### Friday, September 14—Saturday, September 15

- Women's Ministry Kick Off

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(M) Men | (W) Women

## Coming Soon

### SEPTEMBER

- 14-15 ~ Women's Ministry Kickoff
- 16 ~ Fall Sunday School begins
- 22 ~ Parenting with a Purpose
- 29 ~ The Vine Oyster Roast | 6-8pm

### OCTOBER

- 5-6 ~ Healing Prayer Training Workshop
- 21 ~ Invitation Sunday  
Spaghetti Dinner

## Student Ministry

**Our Fall Kick Off is tonight!** Join us for a Pig Pickin' Sunday, September 9th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. David Parker will be cooking, and we are asking you to help us bring sides and desserts. Join us to kick off the start of a new school year!

> **September 16:** The Deal is back! 6-8pm in the Youth Room!

## Children's Ministry

### Lessons for September 9, 2018

- **Nursery:** Joseph Shares Food {Genesis 41}
- **Kids Time:** You Shall Not Make Any Idols {Exodus 20:4}

# Apostles Staff

**Patrick Dominguez**  
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## Missionaries of Apostles

**Robin Bolash** ~ InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Meredith College

**Marion Dewar** ~ Cru NC State

**John & Janie Farwell** ~ Athletes In Action

**Brian & Lauren Mann** ~ Greek InterVarsity

**Terri Shell** ~ InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

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