



Knollwood

at Worship

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 14, 2023 • 10:45 AM

In-Person and Live-Stream

*To those who feel the need of light; to those who find doubts and fears in their hearts;
to those who need courage for their daily tasks; to those who feel lonely and friendless;
to those who wish to give service; to all who, in faith, will support and involve themselves
to the limit of their ability in the work of the Kingdom of God which this church undertakes;
to all who want rest, peace, and happiness — this church invites you to the fellowship of Jesus.*

KNOLLWOOD AT WORSHIP

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!

CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1)

PRELUDE

I Love to Tell the Story..... arr. Dale Wood
Lauren Winkelman, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Lucrecia Norman

Bless our God, all we people; make the voice of God's praise to be heard;
For you, O God, have searched us; you have purified us through fire just like silver.
Come and listen, all those who follow God, and we will tell stories of what God has done!
We call out to the Almighty with our voices, and it is true that God hears us.
Blessed is God, who listens to our prayers, who holds us safe within perfect love.
~Marissa Joyce, from Psalm 66

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem *KINGSFOLD*

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lucrecia Norman

Blessed God the Father, expressed within God the Son, here with us as God the Spirit, allow us to reflect your divine love to the world we inhabit. That we may show the miracle of your incarnation, your forgiveness, your all-encompassing love in the way we live our lives. May our days be a continuous act of worship, a story that tells of redemption. May we live for others, creating respite in a fractured and fearsome world. In the name of Christ, who lived this example before us we pray, **Amen.**
~Marissa Joyce

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Katharine Martin

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.

~Book of Common Prayer

SILENT CONFESSION

* Those who are able will stand.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other, all may greet those nearest to them with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Lanie Essick

Presented by John and Becca Essick, parents

THE LITANY OF DEDICATION Bob Setzer, Jr. and Chrissy Hardy

We are here to present Lanie to the church and to dedicate her to God. As a community of faith, we pledge to join with John and Becca in their commitment to guide Lanie in her spiritual life. As Lanie grows in our congregation, how will we show her that she is a child of God?

We will love her and include her fully in the life of this congregation.

As Lanie grows into adulthood, how will we pass on our heritage of faith to her?

We will tell her the stories of our faith. We will tell her about Abraham and Sarah, about Moses, Ruth, and the prophets. We will tell her about Jesus, the woman at the well, and the apostles. We will seek to reflect the love of God through Christ Jesus in our own lives and through the mission of our church.

Members of Knollwood, what do we hope for Lanie?

We will look to the day when she will sit with us at the Lord's table, declare faith in Jesus Christ, and follow him in love and obedience.

John and Becca, do you, as parents, assume your primary responsibility in guiding Lanie towards a life of faith and the identity of a Christian disciple?

Yes, we joyfully accept this sacred duty.

Do you, the members of Knollwood, pledge to love, nurture and support Lanie and all the children God entrusts to our care?

Yes, we do, for these beloved children belong to us as well.

Then may God be with us and help us.

May God bless Lanie, this day and forevermore. Amen.

The Blessing and Prayer of Dedication

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF THE DAY, NO. 462

I Love to Tell the Story.....HANKEY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 145..... Chrissy Hardy and Owen White

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-28, 31-35, 37-39 Katharine Martin

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:31-32.....Josh Godwin

We rise in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel lesson.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We invite the children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, to remain in worship with their parents.

Children’s Worship is on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month.

Worship Care for infants through 4-year-olds is offered weekly.

THE TALE OF THREE TREES..... Allen Pote and Tom Long

Presented by Knollwood’s Childrens Choirs

Please see your insert for more about this musical.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to come forward and the pastor will greet you. Or if you prefer, you may speak to one of the ministers after the service. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so by being baptized. Church members are invited to commit themselves anew to God and to God’s service in the world.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.....HYFRYDOL

PASTORAL GREETINGBob Setzer, Jr.

INVITATION TO GIVING

In response to the bounty of God’s blessings to us, we joyfully offer our gifts as we are able and dedicate them to the glory of God. Ushers will receive monetary gifts as our musicians offer the anthem.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads found on the end of each pew. If you are a guest, and wish to know more about Knollwood, please indicate that on the pad. Thank you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Beach Spring StompJeffrey Honoré

Youth Bells; David Winkelman, director

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Chrissy Hardy

*HYMN OF DEDICATION, NO. 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending.....BEACH SPRING

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION.....Bob Setzer, Jr.

*POSTLUDE

Let the Whole Creation Cry..... arr. Robert J. Powell

Lauren Winkelman, organ



TO OUR GUESTS

To learn more about Knollwood Baptist Church, find us online at www.knollwood.org. Sign up to receive our newsletter and email announcements through <https://tinyurl.com/KBCstuff>, or by emailing Connie at frontdesk@knollwood.org.

KBC WELCOMING STATEMENT

Knollwood Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive family of faith open to all persons, whatever their race, gender, socioeconomic status, special needs, or sexual orientation, who want to walk in the way of Jesus.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Children's worship pages and worship bags with activities are available in the narthex for children. In the bags are also suggestions and guidance for adults to engage with their children in worship. There is space in the parlor off the narthex for families who may need to step away at any point during the service.

Worship Care is provided for children, infants through four year olds, on the first floor of Building B. Children's Worship is offered for Kindergarten through 3rd graders on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month.

Children meet their leaders in the narthex where indicated in the worship order to walk together to Children's Worship (B244). After the worship service, parents pick up their children from B244. For the 2nd and 4th Sundays children are invited to enjoy the worship service with their families.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our proclamation this Sunday comes in the form of the Children's Music Ministry presentation of *The Tale of Three Trees*. Through singing, movement, and storytelling, we'll remember and experience the hope and transformation promised to those who follow in the way of Jesus.

The acolyte is Jack Bain and the crucifer is Aaron Neiberg.

Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST DURING THE EASTER SEASON

As Christians, we are called to love God and neighbor, and this Easter season we're invited to practice loving reconciliation with both by sharing the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." If you prefer you may also offer a handshake or embrace with your nearest neighbors in the pew. It's important to note that the power of this moment lies in sharing so much more than a friendly greeting, such as "Good morning!" Its power lies in the sharing of *Christ's peace* given to his people as the Risen One.

HEARING DEVICES

Hearing devices are available to those who need one. Please see an usher for assistance. For cellphone linked devices, KBC guest WiFi can be accessed at *kbcguest* in your settings.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and with special love in memory of Frances Barrier, Gene's mother, and with special love in memory of Marjorie Wilson Gardner, Ellen's mother, by Gene, Ellen, Thomas, Tiffany, Ava, Tommy, Gardner, Livy and Maya.

ABOUT OUR BANNERS

The Easter banner views Jesus' resurrection from the inside of the tomb looking out. The grave clothes reflect the note in John 20:7 that the burial linens were left in the tomb with the head wrapping separate from the rest. The contrasting darkness within the tomb and the brightness outside point to the light of God's new day breaking upon a "new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). As Jesus exits the tomb, clothed in a loin cloth, he is about to surprise Mary with the realization, "The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" (John 20:18). The artist who painted the banner is our own Bambi Setzer.

ANNUAL REPORT

Knollwood's Annual Report for the 2022-23 Church year is now available for download at tinyurl.com/2223KBCReport. Printed copies of the report are available in the narthex. Many thanks to all the lay leaders and staff members who contributed articles and pics to this highly readable overview of Knollwood's life and ministry.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

May 17 – KBC Annual Meeting and Wednesday Night Recognitions

This meeting is a Called Church in Conference during which we will receive the 2023 Annual Report, vote on members to serve on our Standing Committee and as Chairs of Ministry Teams, and hear an update on the Wellness and Community Center (WCC) capital campaign.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, we will hear the Children's Music Ministry presentation and recognize the Wednesday Night Leaders.

LUNCH AND ART WITH BETSY MESSICK

Sunday, May 21, 12:00-1:15 PM

Following worship on this Sunday, 1st-5th grade kids are invited to bring a bag lunch and eat in the Art Room before a special class with our beloved guest art instructor Betsy Messick. Kids will be making flowers in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe! Please register online at tinyurl.com/LunchAndArt0521.

ALOHA SUMMER!

Sunday, June 4, 12:00 PM -3:45 PM, Four year olds through completed fifth graders.

All children and their families are invited to join us for a Family Lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship. When lunch concludes about 12:45, we'll ask children to change into comfy clothes that can get wet for an afternoon of fun together. Parents should pick up again at 3:45 PM. (If you want to stay and volunteer for the afternoon, there's a place on the form for that, too!)

Say, 'Aloha!' to summer with games, science, story, art and special guests Bouncin' Bonanza inflatables and Kona Ice. On campus at Knollwood Baptist Church. Please register online at tinyurl.com/KBCAlohaSummer.

OPEN FLOWER DATES

July 30 and November 12 are dates open for placing flowers in the Sanctuary and the Narthex to honor or remember your friends and loved ones for birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions. Call Connie in the office for details, 336-725-1343, or email frontdesk@knollwood.org.

GIVING AT KBC

In addition to making a gift during worship, giving online allows one to make a one-time donation or to schedule recurring contributions. Visit this webpage to get started: www.knollwood.org/giving. Contributions can also be made by sending a check to the church office.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 9 AM–5 PM; and Friday, 9 AM–1 PM.

MINISTER ON CALL

The Knollwood Minister On Call can be reached 24/7 at 336-283-5067.

A TALE OF THREE TREES

A Musical by Allen Pote and Tom Long

PRAYER FOR TOMORROW

Dreams, we all have dreams, what we can be, what we can do. Lord, with all we are, we pray that our dreams will lead us, will lead us to You. See our hands; what will they make, Lord? See our feet; where will they run? See our hearts; who will they love, Lord? See our lives; we've just begun! In our eyes You see tomorrow. On that day one thing we know: There's a dream from one who loves us that is greater than our own.

THREE TREES HIGH ON A HILL

Three trees, high on a hill, stand above the humble clay; three trees, high on a hill, dreaming what they'll be one day. I'll be a chest with a silver lock in the house of a wealthy lord. He will lift my precious cover to reveal what he has stored. Diamonds, rubies, dazzling gems, pearls and gold and all things good. I will hold a priceless treasure in my arms of polished wood. I'll be the mast of a sailing ship at the front of a mighty fleet. The royal flag above my head, the deck beneath my feet. With wind and sail, I'll pull the boat as smooth as angel's flight. The king himself will sleep on board, through the roughest night. I will grow straight and tall. I will rise above them all, branches lifting as in prayer; all will look to heaven when they see me pointing there.

TRIM THE BRANCHES

Sam Alden, Tessa Anderson, and Eloise Hardy, soloists

Trim the branches, strip the bark, cut and shave and nail and sand, building with the best tree in the land. But it's not a chest with a silver lock within a palace hall; it's a box for feeding animals in a barn by a simple stall. I always hoped I'd be something great, shaped by a master's hand. Now you can only pray and wait to see what God has planned. Trim the branches, strip the bark, cut and shave and nail and sand, building with the best tree in the land. But it's not the mast of a sailing ship the busy workers make. It's the bench of a rugged fishing boat alone on a shallow lake. I always hoped I'd be something great, shaped by a master's hand. Now you can only pray and wait to see what God has planned. Trim the branches, strip the bark, rip and chisel, carve and plane; till at last a form appears, emerging from the pain. But it's not a tall or stately tree that points the way to God; it's a scrap laid aside in a lumber yard, for the wood is flawed. I always hoped I'd be something great, shaped by a master's hand. Now you can only pray and wait to see what God has planned.

THE DREAM OF THE TREE CAME TRUE

Ah-diamond bright, glory, glory, glory. Ah-precious light, the Child who was born, that night. She wrapped him warm and she laid him down by a simple stall in the box she found. And the dream of the tree came true. For it held in the arms of sacrifice a Treasure beyond all price. Ah-diamond bright, glory, glory, glory. Ah-precious light, the Child who was born, the Treasure beyond all price. Oo-wind and wave, lightning flash, thunder. Oo-stormy lake, still the Man does not awake. Oo-wind and wave lightning flash, thunder. Oo-can't You see the boat is going under. Oo-wind and wave, lightning flash, thunder. Oo-stormy lake, still the Man does not awake. Oo-wind and wave, lightning flash, thunder, Oo-hear the cry...Master, save us, save us, save us, SAVE US! Or we will die! And the Man arose and He raised His hand, and the wind died down at His command. And the dream of the tree came true. On a bed as soft as angel wings, it carried the King of Kings. Waiting, waiting for the plan, can it be this wounded Man? Waiting, waiting for the call, one day to rise above them all. There on a hill those angry men plant the third tree once again. And the dream of the tree came true. For the ones who passed that hill, and the ones who pass it still, see it lifted as in prayer. And so look up to heaven, for the tree is pointing there! Dreams, we all have dreams what we can be; what we can do. Lord, with all we are, we pray that our dreams will lead us, to you.

Children's Choir Personnel

<i>Claire Curtis</i>	<i>Tessa Anderson</i>	<i>Lydia Joyce</i>	<i>Evelyn Riley</i>
<i>Corinne Engler</i>	<i>Jaelyn Joyce</i>	<i>Noah Oakley</i>	<i>Iris Mae Childress,</i>
<i>Colton Joyce</i>	<i>Elias Purvis</i>	<i>Juliette Purvis</i>	<i>Snowden Ebert</i>
<i>Rosalie Martin</i>	<i>Emma Robbins</i>	<i>Owen Chan</i>	<i>Asher Purvis</i>
<i>Steven O'Neill</i>	<i>Wesley Curtis</i>	<i>Oliver Engler</i>	<i>Ellie Southern</i>
<i>John Derham Robbins</i>	<i>Samuel Goocey</i>	<i>Elise Engler</i>	<i>Peter Wells</i>
<i>Sam Alden</i>	<i>Eloise Hardy</i>	<i>Emma Frances Goocey</i>	<i>Andrew Wells</i>

Children's Choir Leadership

Rozanna Goocey, Director
Rachel Wiggins, Accompanist
Kim Bounds, Susan Edge, Becky Ball, Caroline Tucker, Assistants
Janet Ray, Narrator

Pastor

Minister of Music and Worship

Director of Children and Family Ministry

Minister of Youth, Recreation, and Digital Media

Music Ministry Associate and Organist

Minister of Adult Faith Formation and Education

Minister to Weekday School and Retirees

Dr. Bob Setzer, Jr.

Rozanna Goocey

Chrissy Hardy

Rev. Josh Godwin

Lauren Winkelman

Rev. Katharine Martin

Rev. Lucrecia Norman



KNOLLWOOD

BAPTIST CHURCH

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