



# Knollwood

## *at Worship*

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, July 23, 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

*Gather Us In*.....arr. Mark Hayes  
Lauren Winkelman, piano

### CALL TO WORSHIP.....Katharine Martin

In this lush and fertile season of summer,  
**We come to worship our God of beauty and bounty,**  
Who with the sun’s love and the rain’s gifts  
**Creates a masterpiece of abundance for the world’s needs.**  
Come now, Knollwood Church, to worship and grow in God,  
**Who gives us the Son’s love and the Spirit’s gifts,**  
So we might be God’s masterpiece of abundance for the world’s needs.  
**We come now with eager longing and hope in God’s transforming love.**

*~Mary Hix*

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE

*God, Whose Love Is Reigning O’er Us* .....LAUDA ANIMA



1. God, whose love is reign - ing o’er us, source of all, the  
2. Ho - ly God of an - cient glo - ry, choos - ing man and  
3. Cove - nant, new a - gain in Je - sus, Star - child born to  
4. Lift we then our hu - man voic - es in the songs that



end - ing true; Hear the u - ni - ver - sal cho - rus  
wom - an, too; A - braham’s faith and Sa - rah’s sto - ry  
set us free; Sent to heal us, sent to teach us  
faith would bring; Live we then in hu - man choic - es

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\* Those who are able will stand.

raised in joy - ful praise to you: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 formed a peo - ple bound to you. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 how love's child - ren we might be. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lives that, like our mu - sic, sing: Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, wor - ship an - cient, wor - ship new.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to your cove - nant keep us true.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, ris - en Christ, our Sav - ior be!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, joined in love our prais - es ring!

*Words by William Boyd Grove, 1980*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** ..... Katharine Martin

Gracious and Patient Gardener, who has sown Your seeds of love in our lives, help us to grow into a lush harvest to meet the needs of our weary world. Give us Your patience when the weeds of doubt and despair threaten our growth. When we groan, along with Creation, at the pain of bringing forth Your love, help us to fall into Your everlasting arms of strength. In the hope of Your promises and presence, we pray. **Amen.**

*~Mary Hix*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ..... Josh Godwin

**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**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 139:1-10, 13-14** ..... Lucrecia Norman

*Oh, Lord God, You Have Searched Me:* The cantor will sing one time in Spanish

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?**

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

**For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

*Oh, Lord God, You Have Searched Me:* The congregation will sing one time in English

Oh, Lord God, you have searched me in my heart and you have known me. From high-est heav-en, you have seen all the things with-in me, And be-fore a word is up-on my lips for speak-ing, in your heart you have heard it ful-ly. Ev-ery place where I wan-der, your Spir-it is there, and your hand will guide and guard my way.

*Words and music by Marisol Díaz, 2011*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:18-25 ..... Lindley Curtis  
This is the word of God. Deacon of the Week  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30 ..... Katharine Martin  
*We rise in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel lesson.*  
This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME ..... Katharine Martin  
We invite the children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to remain in worship with their parents.  
Children's Worship is on break for the summer.  
Worship Care for infants through kindergarten is offered weekly.

SERMON ..... Bob Setzer, Jr.  
WHY THE WEEDS?

## 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. 714

*God of the Fertile Fields* .....ITALIAN HYMN

PASTORAL GREETING ..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER.....Lucrecia Norman

**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.**

### 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

*A Sower Came from Ancient Hills*.....Sally Ann Morris

Summer Choir

*A Sower came from ancient hills and cast good seed abroad:  
his field, ten thousand human hearts; his seed, the word of God.  
And some who listened would not hear, and some who heard forgot.  
But some received in fertile soil the truth the Sower taught.*

*A Sower walked throughout the land and, everywhere he trod,  
he sowed his life because he was himself the Seed of God.  
But then, atop a barren hill, beneath a darkening sky,  
they threw God's Seed on stony ground and left it there to die.*

*The Seed was buried deep in death beneath a blood-red sky,  
and deeper still was buried hope for those who watched him die.  
But then, in Joseph's garden fair, as dawn broke o'er the land,  
the Seed, from three days' silent sleep, awoke at God's command!*

*O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed.  
As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed,  
implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold,  
until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundredfold.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING .....Lindley Curtis

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ..... *OLD HUNDREDTH*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**DEPARTING TO SERVE**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.....*arr. Gordon Young*  
Lauren Winkelman, organ



**TO OUR GUESTS**

To learn more about Knollwood Baptist Church, find us online at [www.knollwood.org](http://www.knollwood.org). Sign up to receive our email announcements through [www.tinyurl.com/KBCinfo](http://www.tinyurl.com/KBCinfo) or by emailing Connie Kirkman at [frontdesk@knollwood.org](mailto: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 4-year-olds, on the first floor of Building B. Children’s Worship for Kindergarten through third-graders is on break for the summer but will resume in September.

**ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

The acolyte is Eli Purvis and the crucifer is Lincoln Heinsohn.

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**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 in memory of their parents by Elizabeth and Harry Weiler.

## **ABOUT OUR BANNERS**

In the Bible and in church tradition, the dove and fire symbolize the Holy Spirit. According to the four Gospels, the Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove at his baptism (Mark 1:10 and parallels). John the Baptist promised the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit “and with fire” (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16). From Moses’ encounter with God by the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-6) to the tongues of fire at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), fire is a sign of God’s riveting, transforming presence. The Pentecost banner depicts the fire of God’s challenge and the dove of God’s gentle loving care. Our own Bambi Setzer designed and painted the Pentecost banner.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVE: AFRICA EXCHANGE MISSION TRIP**

### **Sunday, July 30, 9:30-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

Africa Exchange (AFEX), an organization working in Kenya with marginalized populations, is one of Knollwood’s three primary global mission partners. This fall, AFEX will sponsor a “mission immersion” trip to experience this ministry in person. Knollwood has been invited to include five people among the 15-16 who will travel to Kenya with founders Sam and Melody Harrell Oct. 27-Nov. 6.

During the usual Sunday School hour, Sam and Melody will discuss the organization’s work and share plans for the trip with KBC members who might be interested in the opportunity.

For more information, visit [www.africaexchange.org/kutana](http://www.africaexchange.org/kutana) or contact Tom Ginn at [tginn@triad.rr.com](mailto:tginn@triad.rr.com) or 704-223-2294.

## **KBC OUTING TO THE WINSTON-SALEM DASH**

### **Friday, Aug. 18, 7 PM, Truist Stadium**

All ages from our Knollwood family are invited to come out to the ballpark to enjoy a fun summer evening of baseball, socializing, ballpark fare, and cheering on the Winston-Salem Dash against the Greenville Drive. Plus, stay for Fireworks Friday after the game.

The cost is \$10 per person with a \$40 family maximum. Ages 2 and under are free but must sit in a lap. Register to attend by **Sunday, Aug. 6**, at [www.tinyurl.com/KBCDash23](http://www.tinyurl.com/KBCDash23)

## **REGISTER FOR KBC WOMEN’S BRUNCH, “OUR FAVORITE THINGS”**

### **Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 AM-noon, Fellowship Hall**

Women of all ages are warmly invited to gather for a late summer brunch to share delicious food and sweet reconnection. Newcomers and visitors, we would love to meet you!

There is a \$10 charge (cash, check, or card) at the door. However, if you have never attended a KBC women’s retreat, please be our guest at no charge.

The registration deadline is **Sunday, Aug. 6**. You can register this morning in the narthex, by calling the church office at 336-725-1343, or online at [www.tinyurl.com/KBCWomensBrunch23](http://www.tinyurl.com/KBCWomensBrunch23)

Contact [kbcwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:kbcwomensretreat@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **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 [www.knollwood.org/giving](http://www.knollwood.org/giving) to get started. 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.

**Pastor**

**Minister of Music and Worship**

**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**

**Director of Children and Family Ministry**

Dr. Bob Setzer, Jr.

Rozanna Goocey

Rev. Josh Godwin

Lauren Winkelman

Rev. Katharine Martin

Rev. Lucrecia Norman

Chrissy Hardy

*(April 30, 1981–June 20, 2023)*



**KNOLLWOOD**

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Grace Unbounded*