



THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022

First Baptist Church

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The Worship of God
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022 *10:00 a.m.*

THE TIME OF GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

Elizabeth Kilby

The Prelude

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

arr. Sikes

The Call to Worship

Kristina Sellers

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,

His marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord,

and greatly to be praised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth,

for the Lord is our fortress

and His Kingdom is forever!

Let us worship God!

The Opening Hymn*

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

No. 418

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Melissa Wilson

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Greeting

Nelson Granade

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let's just lift our hearts to heaven and praise the Lord;
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THE TIME OF JUBILEE AND PRAISE

The Scripture

Elizabeth Kilby

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
 let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles,
 and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

²*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
 who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame,
 and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

³*Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men,
 so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

The Responsive Reading of Thanks

Melissa Wilson

We are reminded, O God, of our rich heritage,
 and it is with thanksgiving that we share the stories
 that have brought us to where and who we are.

**It is with gratitude that we acknowledge
 our part in a larger whole:**

**our debt to those who have gone before—
 our responsibility to those yet to come.**

We are the people of God in this time and this place,
**and it is in the interaction of one with another
 that we learn more of who we are—**

more of who we can be and more of who You are, our God.

We celebrate these words of God made flesh, this great cloud of witnesses—
 in our midst and in our experience.

**We celebrate and give thanks for all God's people.
 Thanks be to God!**

The Time of Recognition

Nelson Granade

The Music of Response

I AM REDEEMED
 Sanctuary Choir

arr. McDonald

The Pastoral Prayer

Nelson Granade

