

PRAYERS for June 11, 2023 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this Second Sunday of Pentecost, let us praise the name of the Lord and pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, as we look around us, we once again see all the blessings that You have given us: our lives and health, our families and friends, our freedoms and possessions. We thank You for sending us Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that through Him You have covered us with the blessings of forgiveness, given us a purpose for living, and promised us eternal life with You in paradise.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Faithful God, guide the people of our Word of God family in pathways of faithful worship, loving service, and wise words. Make this church a place of steadfast love and righteousness. Make it a place of forgiveness, hope, and praise. Make it a place of truth and grace. Be with us today as we meet as a congregation to discuss and plan for the year ahead. Let everything we say and do help lead other precious souls a step closer to You. We give thanks for the servants who are preparing for the VBS program that will begin tomorrow. Be with the teachers and children as they have an exciting week of learning about God, His works, and His ways.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Loving Savior, let the influence of Your love grow strong in our hearts and make us willing to bear whatever tribulations we might encounter. Let these trials work patience in our hearts; let patience deepen the blessedness of our Christian experiences; and let these experiences fill us with hope, a hope which cannot be put to shame. Everyday there seems to be another incident that causes us to fear and worry. Let our hearts not be troubled for we know that You are in control. Lord, please give wisdom, integrity, and common sense to everyone in positions of authority in our country and around the world. Teach them rightly to use the authority and power entrusted to them. Help all of us be good neighbors, honest citizens, and faithful stewards of Your creation.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Healing Lord, be with Your people and pour out Your strength upon us. Let Your loving hand rest upon all who are sick, injured, or suffering. We lift before You the poor, the depressed, the grieving, and all those whose dreams have been trampled by the evil and greed of others. Let them know that no matter what problems they face, Your power is made perfect in weakness. Ease their pain, calm their fears, and encourage their faith with the promise of Your grace. We especially ask You to be with all our friends and families on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: God of Mercy, You are an ever present help in times of peril. We ask You to constantly remind us that though our country is sometimes filled with situations that seem out of control, we can stand strong, knowing that ultimately our help is in You. We pray for the police, first responders, and members of the military who are tasked to protect, serve, and care for others in challenging times. Give them Your comfort, Your protection, and Your blessing. **Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer. Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**