

PRAYERS for June 6, 2021 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this second Sunday after 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 warming our hearts with the miracle of all miracles, Your Son, Jesus Christ. 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: Gracious God, Your Word reminds each of us to trust in You and to follow You with our whole heart. Your Son showed compassion for those who were poor, healing for people who needed physical and spiritual help, and love for His sheep who were lost and afflicted. Every day You give us opportunities to serve You through serving others. Surround our volunteers who are making and delivering lunches in the Friday lunch program. Let us be servants of Christ and feed the hearts and minds of the children with God's Word and love as we feed their bodies with food. Be with our Word of God family as we prepare for our annual meeting which will take place next Sunday. Lead us in Your ways. Speak Lord, for Your servants hear.

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

Worship Assistant: Creator God, You gave us eyes that see the things of this world, but You would have us believe the things that we do not see. Make these unseen things beautiful to our eyes of faith, and keep our eyes constantly upon them, until we have passed into the eternal glory which is Yours forever. Help us to steadfastly continue in our faith in You. Make our faith so sincere that we may feel Your nearness, that we may be conscious of our relationship with You, and that others may know that we belong to You.

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

Worship Assistant: God of healing, hear the cries of those in need. Receive the prayers of Your people who are troubled so that they may know peace, comfort, and courage. Watch over those who feel despair, those who are struggling with family issues, and all who are seeking recovery from illness or addiction. We pray for harmony where there is dissension between people and groups. We pray for protection for those who are suffering for their faith. We pray for unity within our own country. 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 20 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Gracious Father, sometimes we are troubled and afraid with the uncertainty, insecurity, and violence in our world. Sometimes we grow weary, discouraged, and fearful because of our problems. We know You can rescue us from the confusion. You bring order where there seems to be none. Give us courage and strength to live today with hope and patience. Kindle in our hearts a love that radiates sympathy, kindness, concern, and generosity to all mankind. Surround our soldiers, our police, and all those in the service of our country. Keep them safe and lead them to follow Your will as they risk their lives to protect ours. **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**