

Worship Assistant: On this twenty-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: Gracious Lord, we come to You this morning to worship You and to glorify You. We feel blessed to have this opportunity to gather together as a church family to pray, to study Your Word, and to hear the preaching of the Gospel. We thank You for the mercy, healing, forgiveness, and salvation that You bestow upon us in Jesus. You have done marvelous things for which we are ever thankful. May each of us find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together today.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord God, teach us the value of patience and give us a calm and thoughtful spirit to remain patient even when You are challenging us. When we are hurried, slow us down. When we become impatient with others, give us empathy for their situations. When we differ with each other, help us to find ways to reach agreement. Remind us that when You make us wait, it is to bless, strengthen, and refine us as Your tools. You have a plan for our lives, and You are never too early or too late. Being patient Christians is a powerful witness to those around us who do not know Jesus. Make us strong to do Your will, encouraged to trust in You, and confident that Your plan is good.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, we know that with Your love and power, we can live courageously and faithfully today and every day. Bless our Word of God family with a limitless faith so that we always see opportunities to bring other people to Jesus and His healing love. Make us eager to be companions to those who don't know Him and help us to be their guides to lead them to Jesus. We especially ask You to watch over Pastor Jason, who will be our new guide and shepherd, as he and Jessica prepare to move to Word of God.

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

Worship Assistant: Jesus, our Master, we belong to You, and it is You that we have vowed to follow. We know that You are always near; You are always strong; and You are always faithful. Help us to remember that in times of trouble, You comfort us; in times of stress, You support us. This morning, we lift before You the challenges and needs of those who are impaired in vision, hearing, and mobility. Help us to bring the light of Your love and the assistance and support that they need to succeed. We ask You to help us use our gifts of giving and praying as we fill the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We especially ask You to be with all those on our prayer list and the families and friends whose names we speak aloud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 20 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Living God, we ask You to constantly guard our nation and defend us in times of unrest, distress, and sorrow. Continue to watch over our police and first responders who daily put their lives in harm's way. And we ask You to always guard our military personnel who are helping us to remain a free country. Give the leaders of our country some common sense, humility, and virtue. Teach them that power, wealth, and fame matter less than wisdom, mercy, and integrity. **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**