

**Worship Assistant:** On this twenty-first 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:** Lord of heaven and earth, as we look around us, You have once again shown us Your tremendous blessings. We know that You provide much more than just our daily needs. We thank You for so generously giving us Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him, You have showered us with blessings of forgiveness and given us a purpose in this world. We adore, worship, and thank You for Your merciful kindness. Make us rich in faith, generosity, humility, compassion, and witness. We graciously thank You for leading Pastor Jason and Jessica to our church family and ask You to watch over them as they make the move to join us.  
**Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Steadfast God, make us people with humble hearts. Keep us mindful that all we have comes from You. Thank You for the wealth and treasures that we have, but let us not get too attached to them. Let us grow beyond our need for earthly praise and look only to You for approval. Sometimes we are reluctant to pray about burdens that we think we can handle without Your help. Make us realize that no matter how independent we may wish to be, we must come to You with repentant and faith-filled hearts. Lord, forgive us for our attempts at self-sufficiency, and show us how to accept help from others and especially from You. Help us stay forever attached to You.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Living God, we are ever grateful for the unique talents and times to serve others that You have bestowed on us. Help us use our gifts to grow Your kingdom and fill us with the missionary spirit. Give us many opportunities to do good for others and make us useful members of our communities. Let us use our gifts of giving as we offer service to the Midwest Food Bank and the Real Life Center and as we fill the boxes for Operation Christmas Child with small presents and lots of love.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Father in heaven, look on us with favor and remove from our hearts all thoughts of evil. Let Your Word revive our faltering faith and comfort us when we are in need. Watch over the sick and the suffering and let Your divine presence fill them with hope and peace. Help us to wake up each morning feeling strong to face the new day with whatever problems and joys come our way. Help us to get up each morning and give praise for Your glorious Son. We especially ask You today to be with all those on our prayer list and the families and friends 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:** Living God, thank You for all who stand between us and the threatening dangers of this world. Keep them faithful, true, and bold. Help them to heal rifts caused by violence and suspicion. Use their lives to protect justice and freedom. Strengthen them when they falter; support their loved ones; and bring them home safely and soon. Lord, we pray most urgently for our country. Give wisdom, fairness, and common sense to the leaders and members of our government. Even though our citizens are often separated from each other, we know that nothing can separate us from the wondrous salvation that You made possible for us.

**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**