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May 10, 2020
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Financial Update

	March 2020		March 2019	
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General Fund Income	62,002	62,211	73,749	65,176
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Kirkwood Choir

The Kirkwood Choir has been meeting on zoom these past couple of weeks during their regular rehearsal time. This will continue this coming Wednesday, May 6. The parents have done a great job of getting their kids signed in for our get togethers. In addition to teacher led musical activities, the singers are sharing their individual talents. Choir members are practicing giving specific positive feedback for our pianists, gymnasts, and visual artists. It is wonderful to see each other's faces and express ourselves through music and movement. We all look forward to being able to sing together once again!

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The Lord's Prayer - *(Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.*

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Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Old Testament page 698

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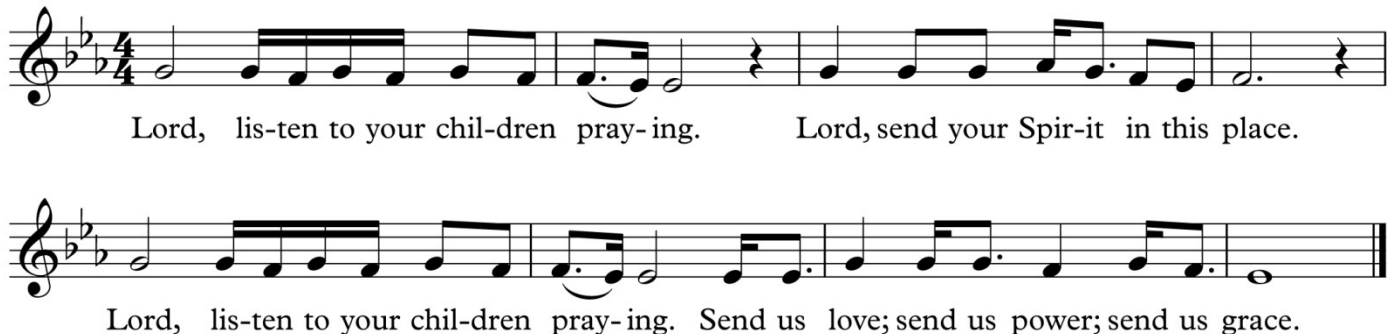
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<https://zoom.us/j/104294135?pwd=Ylo4QVdBZWZHQ3JURUppbVkvQitwQT09>,

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Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

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Listen for God's Word

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Jeremiah 1:4-10

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Sermon

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Respond to God's Word

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer - *(Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.*

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

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L: Together. We pray:

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Go To Serve With God’s Blessing

Benediction

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