

Pastorate Service for March 21st 2021 (by Zoom)

Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Welcome and notices

Call to Worship

Hymn:- So Strangely Together tune : *St Denio [Immortal Invisible]*

So strangely together,
though each is alone,
our voices sing singly
yet blend round your throne.
Your Spirit engulfs us
wherever we are;
you gather and bless us,
those close and those far.

For now, in our worship,
we'll meet and we'll share;
all bask in your presence,
all sharing in pray'r.
We'll glimpse one another,
hear voices we know,
come close as one people
let fellowship grow.

So, speak to us gathered
and speak to each one,
send comfort, send challenge,
let fresh blessings run;
unstopper our bottles
of hope, faith and joy,
replenish, renew us,
each dark fear destroy.

Though phones and computers
fall silent again
your presence will linger
to bless and defend,
keep lively the mem'ry
of time spent as one,
to strengthen each household
'til lock down is done.

John Campbell, 5/11/20

Prayer for the morning and Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 God's people are engraved on the palm of God's hands (Peggy Bond)

Prayers of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Hymn:- Breathe on me breath of God

Prayer of Dedication/ Offering

Gospel Reading: John 12: 20-33 [NIV] (Margaret Anderson)

Reflections and prayer from the URC Prayer Handbook

Hymn:- O Love that wilt not let me go

Prayers for the world and ourselves- with response:

“Your kingdom come **on earth as in heaven.**”

Hymn:- O Jesus I have promised

Blessing