



Hymn of the Week

August 18, 2019 • Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Without the Fire

Text: Rae E. Whitney (based on a few lines by Thomas á Kempis, d. 1471), 1987.

“Thomas à Kempis (1375–1471) wrote: “Without the Way, there is no Going. Without the Truth there is no Knowing. Without the Life, there is no living.” I fanned out from these lines in stanza 3, using Bible imagery throughout, mostly from John’s Gospel.”

–Rae E. Whitney

Music: CONWAY, David Ashley White, 1992.

Tune named for Conway Winkler, friend of the composer.

Topics: Christian Life, Mystery of God

Scripture references: Luke 15:11–32

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1 With - out the Fire, there is no Burn - ing; with - out the
 2 With - out the Judge, there is no Plead - ing; with - out the
 3 With - out the Way, there is no Go - ing; with - out the
 4 With - out the Grave, no Res - ur - rect - ing; with - out the

Teach - er, there's no Learn - ing; with-out the Shep - herd, no safe
 Bread, no heav'n-ly Feed - ing; with-out the Vine, no ho - ly
 Truth, no in - ward Know - ing; with-out the Life, there is no
 Light, no Love's Re - flect - ing; with-out the Vi - sion, no clear

Keep - ing; with-out the Sow - er, there's no Reap - ing.
 Drink - ing; with-out the Mind, no Christ-ly Think - ing.
 Liv - ing; with-out the Cross, no full For - giv - ing.
 Dream - ing; with-out the Sav - ior, no Re - deem - ing.

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Without the Fire, there is no Burning;
without the Teacher, there's no Learning;
without the Shepherd, no safe Keeping;
without the Sower, there's no Reaping.

Without the Judge, there is no Pleading;
without the Bread, no heav'nly Feeding;
without the Vine, no holy Drinking;
without the Mind, no Christly Thinking.

Without the Way, there is no Going;
without the Truth, no inward Knowing;
without the Life, there is no Living;
without the Cross, no full Forgiving.

Without the Grave, no Resurrecting;
without the Light, no Love's Reflecting;
without the Vision, no clear Dreaming;
without the Savior, no Redeeming.

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