

Sermon Kendrick	“Fragments No Longer”	Rev.
Offertory	Bagatelle, Op. 126 no. 5 (<i>Quasi allegretto</i>) <i>Robert Winkley, piano</i>	Beethoven

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Hymn # 360	Here We Have Gathered	OLD 124TH
Benediction		
Postlude	Bagatelle, Op. 119 no. 1 (<i>Allegretto</i>) <i>Robert Winkley, piano</i>	Beethoven

Hymn texts and readings

Hymn # 349 “We Gather Together”

We gather together in joyful thanksgiving,
acclaiming creation, whose bounty we share;
both sorrow and gladness we find now in our living,
we sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.

We gather together to join in the journey,
confirming, committing our passage to be
a true affirmation, in joy and tribulation,
when bound to human care and hope — then we are free.

Responsive Reading # 729

“The Winds of Summer,” by Patricia Shuttee

You and I and all of us blew about with the winds of summer,

Following the sun in different ways of freedom and play,

Finding rest in the cool stillness of shadows, and moving to the slow heatstruck rhythms which turned the long hours of summer light.

Now it is time for gathering in. We come together at this time and in this place on the bridge of autumn.

Summer is fading backward into memory, and winter waits in snowy brilliance.

We meet with eagerness and delight, needing one another for sharing.

We have joys and sorrows and hopes to share, questions, things we care about and want to help make better.

Things that we would like to understand, ideas waiting to be heard.

Today, we are together in gladness, once more the special community that we call our church,

A community of all ages that sings its songs, tells its thoughts, asks its questions, and searches together with courage and with love.

Musical Affirmation # 123 "Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Hymn # 360 "Here We Have Gathered"

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:
we of all ages, women, children, men,
infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:
but in the shadows, let us not forget:
we who now gather know each other's pain;
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.