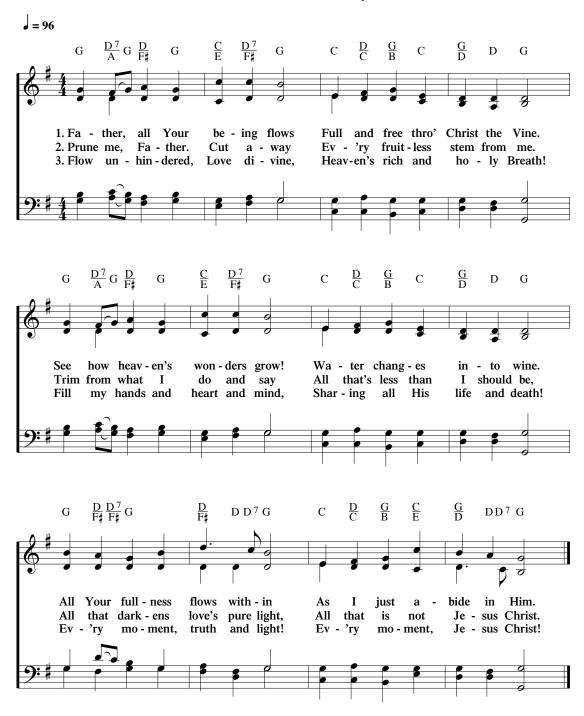
Life in the Vine

TUNE: For the Beauty of the Earth (DIX) John 15:1-8; 1 Corinthians 6:12; 10:23; Ephesians 3:14-21



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DIX

TOPICS: Consecration; Father and Son, Joining Their Relationship; Holy Spirit;

Living in Christ

LEAD-IN:

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already [pruned] because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:1-5, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Prune Me

John 15:1-8; 1 Corinthians 6:12; 10:23

Father, Creator,

Source of all that is good,

all life and fruitfulness flow

from You

through Jesus Christ.

He is the Vine, and

I am a branch in Him.

All that is

good and

beautiful and

life-giving,

all that is You in me,

flows through my connection with Him.

Prune me, Lord.

Clean away all that fruitlessly drains Your life-giving sap.

Cut off all that hinders the flow of the Spirit between

Christ and

me.

Remove all that clutters my

mind,

heart, and

life

without connecting me closer to Him.

Strip away

all that is not love,

all that is not Christ.

O merciful, all-wise, all-loving Lord,

prune me

that more of You

might flow freely

through me.