

Order of Worship for Sunday, September 6, 2026

Welcome/Announcements Pastor Tom

Lighting of the Christ Candle

* Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH #126

Opening Prayer Pastor Tom

Children's Moment Sue Davis

Hymn of Praise "O God Beyond All Praising" FWS #2009

The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offering Music Rev. Andrew Davis
* Doxology UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Pastor Tom

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:1-8 Dr. N'Guessan Affi

Message Clearing the Weeds Pastor Tom

Communion

As We Gather At Your Table - FWS #2268

Here is Bread, Here Is Wine - FWS #2266

Fill My Cup, Lord - WS #3093

* Closing Hymn

* Benediction Pastor Tom

QUESTION OF THE WEEK – September 6, 2026

What is one practical step you can take this week to cultivate "good soil" to better listen to and apply God's word?

Matthew 13:1-8 - Dr. N'Guessan Affi

Later that day, Jesus left the house and sat down by the lake shore. Such great crowds gathered that he went and took a seat in a boat, while the crowd stood along the shore. He addressed them at length in parables:

"One day, a farmer went out sowing seed. Some of the seed landed on a footpath, where birds came and ate it up.

Some of the seed fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. This seed sprouted at once since the soil had no depth, but when the sun rose and scorched it, it withered away for lack of roots.

Again, some of the seeds fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

And some of it landed on good soil, and yielded a crop thirty, sixty, even a hundred times what was sown."

126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre -
 2. The Lord is nev - er far a-way, but through all grief dis -
 3. Thus, all my toil-some way a-long, I sing a-loud thy
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho-ly name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres-ent help and stay, our peace and
 prais - es, that earth may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -
 glo - ry; let all who own his power pro-claim a loud the

our sal - va - tion. With heal-ing balm my soul is filled and
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth-er's ten-der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for

ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 soul and bod-y bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a-lone: To God all praise and glo - ry.

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O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and whe - ther our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Hymn of Promise

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re - vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

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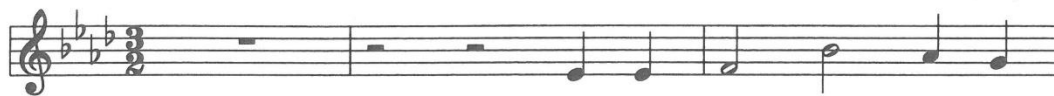
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DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE, *see further:*

524 Beams of Heaven
 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices
 655 Fix Me, Jesus
 127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

311 Now the Green Blade Riseth
 504 The Old Rugged Cross
 292 What Wondrous Love Is This



1. As we gath - er at your
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to
 3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us



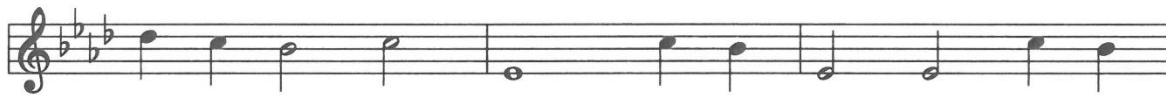
ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word, help us
 wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us
 sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast where tri -



know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
 forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is
 um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
 least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will



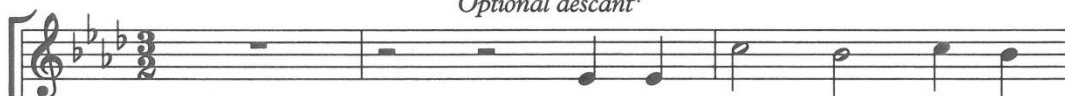
claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
 give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
 pride our peace de - stroy, as we join with saints and



ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 im - age in the world you died to save.
 an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

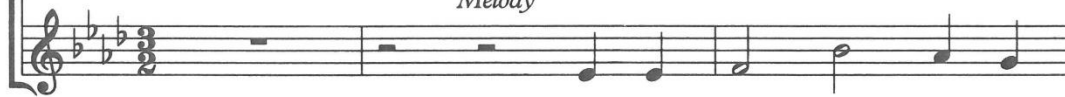
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3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us

Melody



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*Sing with alternate harmonization only.

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RAQUEL

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sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast where tri -

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um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

pride our peace de - stroy, as we join with saints and

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an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine

1. Here is bread, here is wine:
2. Here is grace, here is peace:

Christ is with us: He is with us. Break the bread;
Know his grace;

taste the wine: Christ is with us here.
find his peace: Feast on Je - sus here.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing; in this cup there's
life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment by the Spir - it

Christ is with us here. 3. Here we are, joined in one:

Christ is with us: He is with us. We'll pro-claim

Refrain

till he comes Je-sus cru - ci - fied. In this bread
there is heal - ing; in this cup there's life for - ev - er.

In this mo-ment by the Spir - it Christ is with us here.

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HERE IS BREAD
'68.65 with Refrain

Fill My Cup, Lord

Ab Ab Eb7

1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek-ing for
 2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav-ing the
 3. So, my neigh-bor, if the things this world gave you leave

3 Eb7 Ab Ab Ab7

things that could not sat-is-fy; and then I heard my Sav-ior
 pleas-ure earth-ly things af-ford; but none can match the won-drous
 hun-gers that won't pass a-way, my bless-ed Lord will come and

6 Db Eb7

speaking: "Draw from my well that nev-er shall run
 treas-ure that I find in Je-sus Christ my
 save you, if you kneel to him and hum-bly

8 Ab Refrain Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7

dry."
 Lord. Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and
 pray:

*The refrain in the key of Bb may be found in The United Methodist Hymnal, 641.

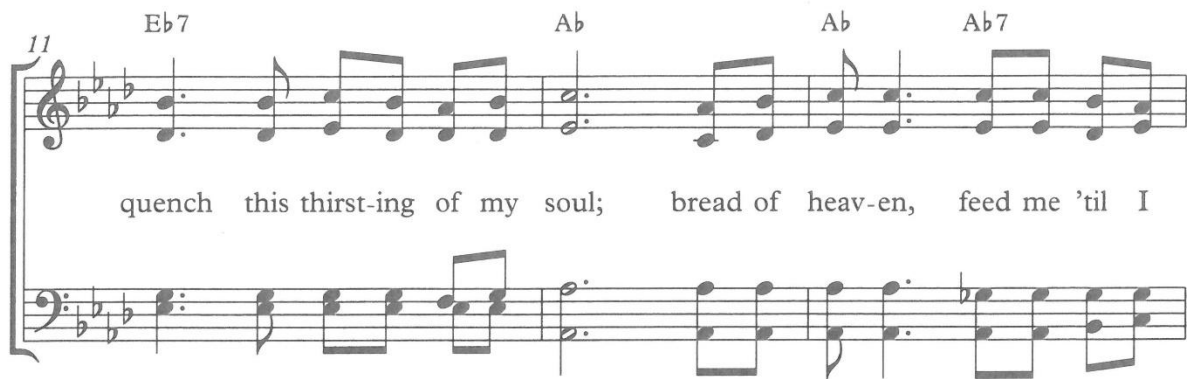
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FILL MY CUP
 Irr. with Refrain

11 Eb7 Ab Ab Ab7



quench this thirst-ing of my soul; bread of heav-en, feed me 'til I

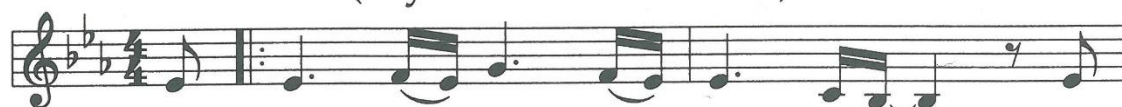
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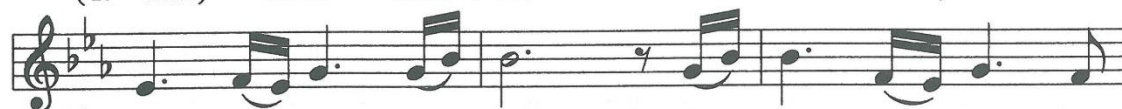
want no more — fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that
 (2. 'Twas) grace that taught my heart to fear; and
 (3. The) Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 (4. The) earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 sun for - bear to shine. But God who called me

Last time to Coda  1



now am found; was blind, but now I see. 2. 'Twas
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be -
 por - tion be as long as life en -
 here be - low, will be for - ev - er

2, 3 *Refrain* 



lieved. My chains are gone, I've been set — free. My God, my
 dures.



Sav - ior, has ran - somed me. And like a flood his mer - cy



reigns, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

2 *D.S.* 3



 CODA

3. The grace. My chains are grace.

4. The



mine, will be for - ev - er mine. You are for - ev - er mine.