TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM Worship Service • March 17, 2024



Our worship today is a special musical service centered around our journey of faith. As we sing hymns, hear reflections, and contemplate our own faith journeys, we continue our Lenten theme of covenants. God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm; Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in. Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Robert A. Hobby

GATHERING

OPENING LITANY (incorporating Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us.

Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked.

The Way of change and testing, the Way of the desert and the wilderness.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us your own.

Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked.

The Way of new learning and questioning, the Way of the River Jordan and the Upper Room.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Come, Holy Spirit, and shape us anew.

Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked.

The Way of joy in life and sacrifice, the Way of the Creation and the Cross.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

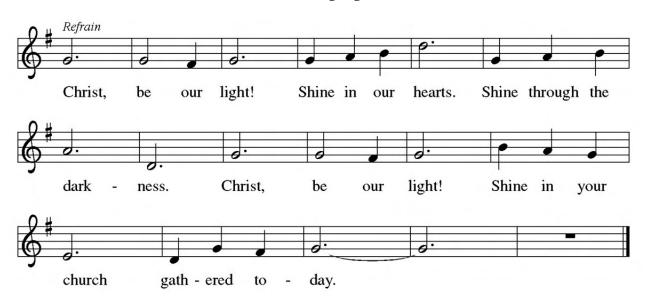
The congregation is invited to stand in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and all-loving God, you call us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow.

We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all these things be according to your will.

In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.



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The congregation is seated.

ANTHEM

God of Heaven

Heather Sorenson

God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky. Great Creator, Master of all nature. Who gives birth to snow from heaven, holds the waves at ocean's edge, gives the orders to the morning, shows each dawn its place to shine? God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky.

God of Ages, God who wrote the Book of Time. Sovereign Ruler, Alpha and Omega. Saints before, He's guided safely. History's pages signed by Him. Author of our days and hours; things to come are held secure. God of Ages, Alpha and Omega.

(all singing)

God of power! God who breaks the darkness. Righteous Warrior, Champion of his children, goes before us into battle; good and evil bow to Him, those in bondage freed forever, victories won at His command!

God who heals us, God who gives us peace and hope. God who listens, carries all our fragile dreams and heartaches, wins and failures; binds the broken; hides the weak. New beginnings freely offered; who can make us whole again? God who heals us, God of Power, God of Ages, God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky.

PILGRIMAGE THROUGH TRIALS (a reflection by Susan Palo Cherwien)

Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me SOJOURNER ELW 325



CYCLES OF LIFE

A READING FROM ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

PLANTED BY GOD (a reflection by Susan Palo Cherwien)

HYMN In the Bulb There Is a Flower HYMN OF PROMISE bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree; In the 1 There's a si - lence, seek-ing word 2 song in ev-'ry and mel-o - dy; is our be - gin-ning; in our time, 3 in - fin - i - ty;In our end but - ter - flies a hid-den prom-ise: will soon be free! co - coons, in in ev-'ry dark-ness, bring-ing hope there's a dawn to you and me. doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, our e - ter - ni - ty; in and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, the cold In From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y, res - ur - rec - tion; in our death, a at the last, a vic - to - ry, un-re - vealed un-til its sea - son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

Text: Natalie Sleeth Music: HYMN OF PROMISE, Natalie Sleeth

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CENTERED ON CHRIST

The congregation stands.

A READING FROM MATTHEW 11:28-30

"Come unto me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE ELW 765

The congregation is seated.

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bread,

ANTHEM

In the Cross of Christ I Glory Trinity Ringers; Patricia Fielding, flute arr. Cathy Moklebust

FAITH REFLECTION

Steve Quist

CLAIMED BY GOD

The congregation stands.

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me/We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

Robert A. Hobby

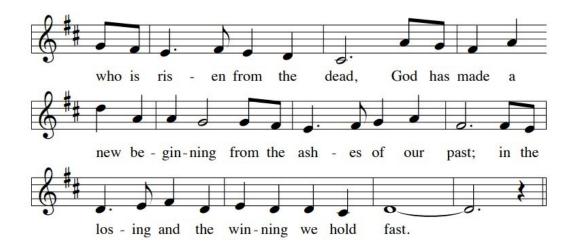
Choir Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.



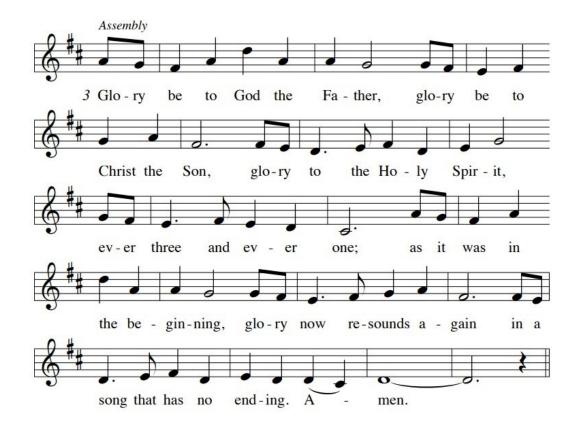
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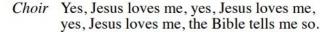
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Choir Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.





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THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

FAITH STRONGER THAN FEAR

A READING FROM ISAIAH 43 (selected verses)

But now says the Lord, the one who created you, O Jacob, the one that formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

Hymn

When Peace Like a River It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE ELW 785

THE PRESENT PILGRIMAGE (a reflection by Susan Palo Cherwien)

Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear Charles Robinson, baritone In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you.

I will make a way beside a flowing stream. Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you; My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.

In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you. In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun. I will be the star that shines above to guide you, a light unto your path to lead you on.

> Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.

When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you.
I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings.
I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow.
Unending hope my resurrection brings.

When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you. I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need. Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you. I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!

> Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.



WE GIVE OF OURSELVES IN FAITH

The congregation stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

You call us to become pilgrims, to follow you on a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and that our needs will be met.

We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust your will.

O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise.

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The congregation is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

arr. Kyle Johnson

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

No one can do like Jesus, not a mumblin' word he said; He went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.

When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak; He took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples' feet.

Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well; He has the palm of victory and the keys of death and hell.

Oh Lord, my Jesus is a rock in a weary land...a shelter in the time of storm.

The congregation stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

We've Come This Far by Faith THIS FAR BY FAITH; refrain only, sung twice ELW 633

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

WE COME TOGETHER AT THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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;

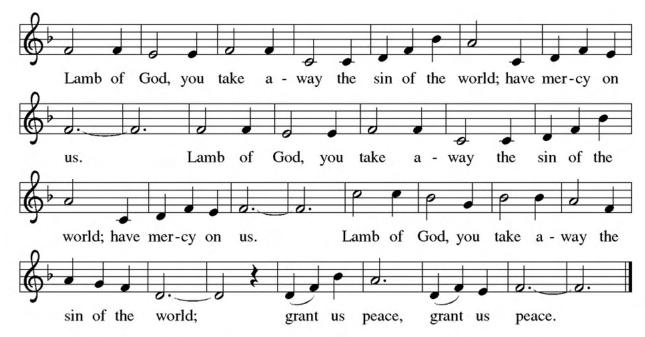
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.



AGNUS DEI

Music: Bread of Life, Jeremy Young, b. 1948 Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a **clear** cup with wine or a **purple** cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary.

Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

ACS 1084 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (GREEN TYLER)

ACS 1018 Deep Peace (DEEP PEACE)

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

JOURNEY ONWARD AS PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

BELOVED IS WHERE WE BEGIN (a blessing by Jan Richardson)

ANTHEM

Acclamation of Assurance

Joseph M. Martin

Through the valley I will keep you. In the shadows I am light. In the darkness I will lead. My word will be your sight.

Through the tears of loss I'll comfort you. Through the years I'll keep you strong. Within the silence of the night, my grace will be your song.

And you will be my people. I will be your Rock! You will be my church forever. I will be your God!

When the trials of life bring fire and rain, I will keep you in my heart. I will help you live again. Through grace the healing starts.

I'm the Promise of tomorrow. I'm the One who will restore. I'm the Hope for every sorrow, and Peace beyond the storm.

And you will be my people. I will be your Rock! You will be my church forever. I will be your God!

The plans I have for you are bright with promise, for I have written you upon my hand. I will be with you all the journey. I'll take you to the promised land!

> And you will be my people. I will be your Rock! You will be my church forever. I will be your God!

> > Yes, I will be your God!

The congregation stands.

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms SHOWALTER

ELW 774

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ, who walk with you every step of your journey. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Introduction and Finale on Showalter

Jon Spong



SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Carl Carpenter ACOLYTES – Elliott Jay, Luke Harry LECTORS – Anne Obara, Charles Robinson, Bill Solomon USHERS/GREETERS – Judy Hunt, David Hunt CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Kelly Rummel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: March 28, Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm March 29, Good Friday Service at 7pm

MARCH 31: EASTER SUNDAY Easter Sunrise Service in the columbarium at 6:45 am. Easter Reception at 8:45am – Bring your favorite dish to share. Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 am. Easter Festival Service at 10:00 am.

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PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, Lucille Lebold, and Barbara Olson; Richard Anderson, Hampton Health and Rehab, Room 226. Doris Moeser, The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm. 602. Shut– ins at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Judy Bessom-Arnold, requested by Stevens and Bessom Families; Family of Barbara Crane, long time member of St. Timothy Lutheran requested by Dottie Self; Lucia L. Solomon , requested by Bill Solomon; Jim Shook, Phil Shook's father; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail; Heike Ahlen, and the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) requested by Patricia Fielding; Matt Eggars (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; Jessica Savage, requested by the Dail Family; Bill Wren and Don Harvey (father) and Anne Obara; Sherrie Strickland (cousin), requested by Wendy Mynoymany; and Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; The Family of Ann Frances Sekerke Bunn, a former member of our congregation and who passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

EASTER LILIES 2024

Please fill out this form completely (with your check or

cash). Please either give it to the person at the table in

the narthex, mail it in to the church office, Attn: Sharon

Mathison, or scan and resend it to admin@trinitynn.org, or bring it by during office hours, 9-3, M-Th. **Sorry! No or-**

The cost for the lilies this year is **\$14.00** per lily.



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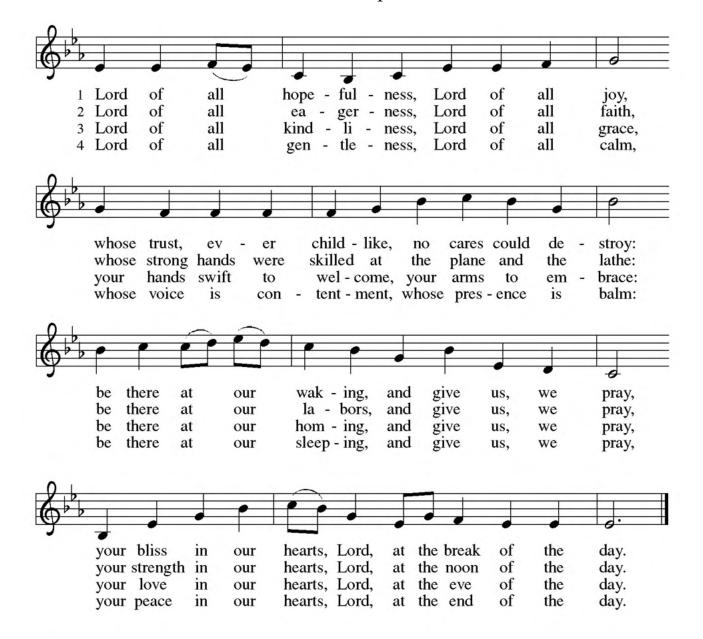
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932



Text: African American spiritual Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.



Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

It Is Well with My Soul



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

OFFERTORY HYMN

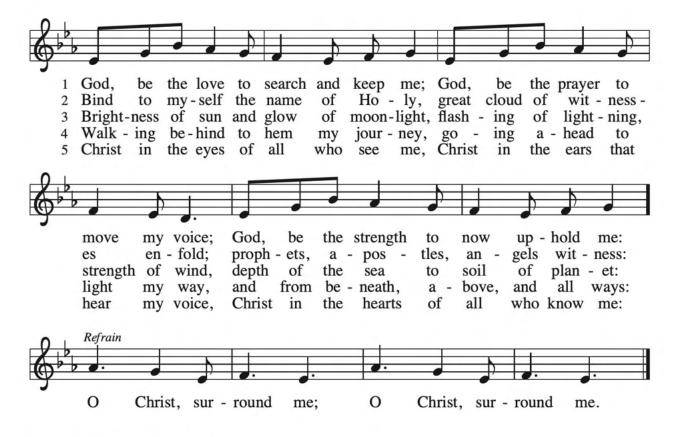
We've Come This Far by Faith refrain only, sung twice



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MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

ACS 1084



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MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION Deep Peace

ACS 1018



Text: Celtic traditional; adapt. Ray Makeever, b. 1943 Music: DEEP PEACE, Ray Makeever Text and music © 2009 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress

What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms; 1 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms; 2 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms? what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Ι Refrain safe and se-cure from all a - larms; Lean ing, lean ing, --Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms. lean ing, lean ing, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1919 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

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