

# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*UMH 133*

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(Refrain)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(Refrain)

## Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-2

**18** Now the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth, <sup>3</sup>and said, "My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by. <sup>4</sup>Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; <sup>5</sup>and I will bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said." <sup>6</sup>So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three measures of fine flour, knead *it* and make bread cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and choice calf and gave *it* to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed *it* before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate.

<sup>9</sup>Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was past childbearing. <sup>12</sup>Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" <sup>13</sup>And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed bear *a child*, when I am *so old*?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too difficult for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son." <sup>15</sup>Sarah denied *it* however, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh."

**21** Then the Lord took note of Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had promised. <sup>2</sup>So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.

## **God Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us**

*UMH 100*

3. Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too;  
Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

4. Covenant, new again in Jesus, Star-child born to set us free;  
Sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

5. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring'  
Live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!