

Group 2: For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the others, as plain as potatoes and so good for you;

Minister: For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes;

Group 1: And serious friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

Group 2: For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;

All: For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings;

Minister: And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, but who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter.

All: For all these we give thanks.

APPLE COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Jim Nelson

HYMN

Lean On Me
B. Withers

Some--times in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But -- if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow
(chorus)
Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friends
I'll help you carry on
For—it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

If -- there is a load
You have to bear, that you can't carry
I'm -- right up the road
I'll share your load, if you just call me
(repeat chorus)

Just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We all need somebody to lean on

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jim Nelson

POSTLUDE

Ricercar

J. Pachelbel

The flowers on the altar are for Nancy.
Thank you for being such a loving, caring sister.
I will remember you always.
Love, Christine

NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH REMEMBRANCES

We seek to be a caring church, one that shares our sorrows and joys with one another. We keep in our thoughts:

- **Joanne Beckwith**, whose mother died November 8.
- The following young people who recently celebrated birthdays:
Tess McCarthy, Avery King, Annelise Lindsay, Yetlanezi Espinoza, Sophia Solis, Griffin Padilla.