

April 13, 2025

# THE LENTEN SKETCHES

Music by  
Joseph Martin



WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

**Open the gates of righteousness,  
that we may come worship God!**

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**Open the gates of peace, that we may  
come worship God!**

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**Open the gates of truth, that we may  
come worship God!**

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

**Open the gates of salvation, that we may  
come worship God whose steadfast love  
never fails!**

OPENING PRAYER

**God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* no. 278

MUSIC

*Sing Hosanna* Joseph Martin  
Junior Choir

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

OFFERING

You may give your offering by text- Text UMCWC \$50 to 73256, by using the QR code on your screen, at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org), through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski  
Carillon Choir

INTRODUCTION TO THE CANTATA

CANTATA

*"The Lenten Sketches"* Joseph M. Martin  
Chancel Choir with Chamber Orchestra

*"Portrait of Grace"*

*"Behold, the King of Zion Comes"*

*"From an Upper Room"*

*"Scenes from Gethsemane"*

*"Tableau of Sorrow"*

*"Pietà"*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

*What Wondrous Love is This* no. 292

POSTLUDE

*Epilogue* Joseph Martin

**Bold text indicates congregational response**

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning! You are invited to stop by the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area and pick up a gift from the church as our thank you for being with us today.

The rose on the Lord's table is in celebration of the birth of Liam Patrick Kelly, son of Karah McMasters and Sean Kelly, brother of Cillian, and grandson of Michele and Tony McMasters, born, March 25, 2025.

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Senior Pastor: Rev. Cynthia Stouffer  
 Liturgists: Rev. Mercedes Case, Rev. Allen Keller  
 Message for Growing Christians: Kelly Lynn  
 Chancel Choir and Junior Choir Director:  
   Tom Sabatino  
 Carillon Choir Director: Dan Rotz  
 Organist/Pianist: Steve Campitelli  
 Chamber Orchestra:  
   Flute 1 - Linda Schmidt  
   Flute 2 - Jodi Gianniney  
   Oboe - Jacqueline Rothera  
   Clarinet - Gabriella Comes, Brook Ziemba  
   Bassoon - Joseph Plavin  
   French Horn - Mickey Gianniney  
   Percussion - Jeff Dombchik  
   Trumpet - Groome Mears, Don Pennell  
   Trombone - Ted Lenthe  
   Horn - Jill Mears  
   Tuba - Daniel Rotz  
 Wilmington String Ensemble:  
   Violin 1 - Kathleen Hastings  
   Violin 2 - Donna Grantham  
   Viola - David Giles  
   Cello - Patrick Daniels  
 Narrators: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer, Tony Sims,  
   Karen Rotz, Tom Haugh, Dan Rotz,  
   Francis Atuahene, Rev. Mercedes Case,  
   Rev. Allen Keller  
 Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,  
   Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,  
   Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith



## Holy Week Schedule

### PALM SUNDAY - April 13

8:45 AM - Cantata "The Lenten Sketches"  
 by Joseph Martin.

Presented by the Chancel Choir  
 with Chamber Orchestra

11:00 AM - Worship Café including  
 selections from the Chancel Choir Cantata

### MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 17

6:30 PM - Last Supper Experience  
 in the Fiesta Center

### GOOD FRIDAY - April 18

6:30 PM - Worship Service  
 "The Seven Last Words"

Sponsored by West Chester UM Missionlink  
 Grove United Methodist Church,  
 490 Boot Road, WC

### HOLY SATURDAY - April 19

Prayer Vigil - 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
 Sign up at umcwc.org

10:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt for children ages  
 infant - grade 5 in the Fiesta Center

### EASTER SUNDAY - April 20

6:30 AM - Easter Sunrise Service  
 Boot Road Park, 110 Boot Road, WC  
 8:45 AM - Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM - Worship Café with communion  
 in the Fiesta Center

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, April 13

8:45 AM - Worship  
 10:00 AM - Sunday  
   School  
   2 yrs - Grade-5 (4,5),  
   Grades 6-12 (YR),  
   Adults (Chapel, 7, 12)  
 11:00 AM - Worship Café  
 6:00 PM - El Buen  
   Worship  
 6:00 PM - Youth Group

### Monday, April 14

10:00 AM - Coffee with  
 the Pastor at West  
 Chester Diner  
 7:00 PM - Disciple 4  
   (Zoom)  
 7:00 PM - Narcotics  
   Anonymous  
 7:00 PM - El Buen Men/  
   Women  
 7:30 PM - Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, April 15

10:00 AM - Mary Jean  
   Circle  
 1:00 PM - Sunshine  
   Memory Café  
 6:30 PM - SPRC

### Wednesday, April 16

7:30 AM - Men's Bible  
   Study  
NO Wednesday  
   Night Out

### Thursday, April 17

9:00 AM - Stephen  
   Ministry Supervision  
 6:30 PM - Maundy  
   Thursday Worship

### Friday, April 18

6:30 PM - Good  
   Friday Worship  
   at Grove UMC

### Saturday, April 19

10:00 AM - Easter Egg  
   Hunt

# Bake Sale Today

Easter Breads  
Cakes  
Pies  
Cookies  
and more!



All monies go towards church and United Women in Faith mission projects.

**Stock up for Easter!**



## EASTER EGG HUNT



**SATURDAY, APRIL 19  
10:00 AM**

**Egg Hunt for infants through grade 2  
Scavenger Hunt for Grades 3-5**

**Register at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org)**



## How to make your palm into a cross:

