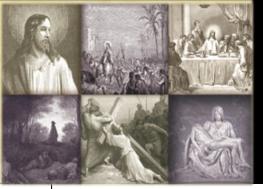
THE LENTEN SKETCHES Music by Joseph Martin





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 Junior Choir

Joseph Martin

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, 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

Epiloque

Joseph Martin

Bold text indicates congregational response

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning! You are invited to stop by the Welcome Table in the Gatherina 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 Jianniney

Oboe - Jacqueline Rothera

Clarinet - Gabriella Comes, Brook Ziemba

Bassoon - Joseph Plavin

French Horn - Mickey Jianniney

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 Hauah, 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



Easter Breads Cakes Pies

Cookies

and more!

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







SATURDAY, APRIL 19 10:00 AM

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

Register at umcwc.org



