

### **Chancel Choir Members**

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#### **TENOR**

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#### **BASS**

Jim Mundell  
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#### **NARRATORS**

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#### **POWERPOINTS**

Janis Schrader

#### **SOUND AND COMPUTER TECHNICIANS**

Michael Duvall, Steve May, Nate Robinson and Reed Smith

We are truly blessed at WGUMC to have such talented and dedicated choir members. I thank God for the gifts offered by each member and pray that you will be touched by the songs and message in this cantata.

Betsy Smith, Choir Director

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**Orchestration by Ed Hogan**

***Cantata Presented by the***  
***West Grove United Methodist Church Chancel Choir***  
***April 2, 2023***

*The love of God is truly amazing!*  
*This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son*  
*as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (I John 4:9-10)*  
*I have loved you with an everlasting love.*  
*I have drawn you with loving-kindness. (Jeremiah 31:3)*

## **“Amazing Love!”**

*The great crowd that had come for the Feast heard*  
*that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem.*  
*They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting,*  
*“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*  
*Blessed is the King of Israel!” (John 12:12-13)*

## **“Lift Up Your Voice and Sing, Hosanna!”**

*Amid the contrasting scenes of jubilation and skepticism,*  
*Jesus arranged to meet with His closest followers to observe the Passover Feast.*  
*And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying,*  
*“This is my body, given for you, do this is remembrance of me.” (Luke 22:15-19)*

## **“As You Serve, Remember Me”**

*Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane,*  
*and He said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”*  
*Going a little farther, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed,*  
*“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me.*  
*Yet not as I will, but as You will.” (Matthew 26:36-39)*

## **“Alone in the Garden He Prays”**

*The solitude of this garden of prayer was suddenly shattered*  
*by the chaos of a large crowd, led by Judas, who had come to arrest Jesus.*  
*Numerous false accusations were made during a mock trial, ultimately leading*  
*to the decision to hand Jesus over to Pilate, the Roman governor.*  
*Ultimately Pilate relented and handed Jesus over to be crucified.*  
*Carrying His own cross, He went out to Golgotha.*  
*Here they crucified Him, and with Him two others—*  
*one on each side and Jesus in the middle. (John 19:16b-18)*

## **“Behold the Lamb of God!”**

*Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”*  
*When He had said this, He breathed His last.*  
*The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said,*  
*“Surely this was a righteous man.”*  
*(Luke 23:44-47)*

## **“How Can it Be?”**

*Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.*  
*(John 15:13)*  
*For I am convinced that neither death nor life,*  
*neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future,*  
*nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,*  
*will be able to separate us from the love of God*  
*that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35, 37-39)*

## **“Amazing Love Demands My All!”**