

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, Chancel Choir Director



BLESSED

A HOLY WEEK JOURNEY
THROUGH
THE BEATITUDES

Music by Joel Raney
Words by Pamela Stewart

Cantata presented by:
West Grove United Methodist Church
Chancel Choir
March 29, 2026



Our musical journey explores Holy Week through the lens of the Beatitudes included in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. Through this experience, all are invited to see the Beatitudes with a new understanding: Christ is not only the One who blesses, but by becoming one of us, is Himself one of the blessed.

“Blessed”

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
(Matthew 5:5)

“All I Have”

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3)

“See Him Weeping”

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
(Matthew 5:4)

“An Eye for an Eye”

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.
(Matthew 5:9)

“Behold the Lamb”

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
(Matthew 5:8)

“Eleison, Have Mercy”

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
(Matthew 5:7)

“I Hunger, I Thirst”

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
(Matthew 5:6)

“My God, My God, My Father”

Blessed are those persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:10)

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Chancel Choir Members

SOPRANO

Joan Leaman
MaryAlice Miller
Edel Mullen
Vicki Owens
Betsy Smith

ALTO

Linda Duffy
Sandi Hampton
Susan Paisley
Debbie Schneider

TENOR

Dan Elliott
Peter Mullen
Dick Stuhrke

BASS

Jake Schneider
Dave Talley

NARRATOR

Mel Leaman

SOUND AND COMPUTER TECHNICIANS

Bill Pardoe, Aiden Steltzer and Michael Duvall

POWERPOINT

Janis Schrader