

2026 EASTER CANTATA

A Journey to Hope

A Cantata Inspired by Spirituals

Music by Joseph M. Martin

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

UMH-95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor

INTRODUCTION TO THE CANTATA

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

People

Gracious God, Prepare our hearts to receive the story of Christ's passion and victory. As we listen, sing, and reflect, let your Holy Spirit speak deeply within us. May this journey lead us again to the living hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

A JOURNEY TO HOPE

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

People

Lord Jesus, Thank you for meeting us on this journey of faith. Thank you for walking through suffering, bearing the cross, and opening the way to hope. May the truth we have heard today remain in our hearts. When we face sorrow, remind us of your presence. When we grow weary, renew us by your Spirit. When hope feels far away, draw us again to the empty tomb. Make us people who live in the power of your resurrection. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

TFWS-2214
(3x)

*CLOSING AND DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor

Prelude

featuring Karen Karr Ammons, *piano*

The Call to Faith

The Call to Follow

Peace for the Journey

Ride On, King Jesus

Come to the Welcome Table

Gethsemane

Jesus Walked to Calvary

They Crucified My Lord

CANTATA CHOIR:

Jun Terasawa, *conductor*

Karen Karr Ammons, *piano*

SOPRANO

Stephanie Ireland
Jean Pancharoen, *Soloist*
Jean Preister
Dianne Sasse
April Yang, *Soloist*

ALTO

Jill Brandt, *Soloist*
Shirley Gibson, *Narrator*
Carol Glancy
Karen Overturf
Paula Scheel
Sandie Sohl

TENOR

Karson Fix, *Soloist*
Ivan Milosi
Keith Sheets

BASS

Jonathan Boyer, *Soloist*
Jeff Wathen

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PIANIST 8:30 and 10:30am Services Karen Karr Ammons

ALTAR DECORATIONS: For all March Birthdays
Carol Glancy

8:30 am WORSHIP

USHERS John & Karen Berry
TECHNOLOGY Nancy McMeen

9:30am - Join us downstairs for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:30am service, hosted by Ray Schacht & Shirley Gibson.

10:30 am WORSHIP

USHERS Dale & Deb Robertson
TECHNOLOGY Technology Team

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THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

St. Luke United Methodist Church
March 29th, 2026 - 8:30 & 10:30am

Our Vision Statement

Make a difference in the world by sharing God's love

PRELUDE "Via Delarosa" Karen Karr Ammons

GREETING

WELCOME Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor

Pastor: We gather on this holy day to remember the journey of Christ: the road of suffering, the cross of sorrow, and the promise of resurrection.

People: We come to walk the journey to hope.

Pastor: When the night is long, and the burden is heavy, God is still at work.

People: Our hope is in the Lord.

Pastor: Christ has entered our suffering and opened the way to life.

People: We come to worship the crucified and risen Savior.

Pastor: Let us worship God with faith, gratitude, and hope.

***OPENING PRAYER** Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH-895

***HYMN** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH-277
(vs 1-2)

***Please stand as you are able**