

February 2, 2026

Dear Friends,

Sharon-Hope United Church warmly invites singers from our wider church community to join us for a special **Easter Celebration Choir** experience.

At Sharon-Hope, we cherish the Ministry of Music as a vital expression of worship, faith, and community. Alongside our weekly Senior Choir, we have been blessed for many years to present two seasonal cantatas, at Christmas and Easter, performed by our Celebration Choir. Over time, our choir has become smaller due to illness, bereavement, and changing life circumstances. At the same time, we recognize that many congregations in our area no longer have choirs, and there may be singers who deeply miss this meaningful form of worship, especially during the great seasons of the church year.

With this in mind, we are opening our **Easter cantata** to singers from neighbouring churches who would welcome the joy of singing together again. To ensure that no one is drawn away from their home congregation for Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, the cantata will be offered on **the First Sunday after Easter, April 12**, during the **10:00 a.m. worship service** at **Sharon-Hope United Church**.

The cantata will be directed by Sharon-Hope's Music Director, **Donna Corbett**, and will be supported by an experienced accompanist and narrators. We have selected "**No Stone Could Hold Him: A Dynamic Witness to the Living Rock of Our Salvation**" by Lloyd Larson as our SATB cantata from our library.

All are welcome. **There is no requirement for previous choir experience or the ability to read music.** All rehearsal and learning materials will be provided, including a CD and/or online listening links for at-home review. What matters most is a willingness to sing to the glory of God and to share in the joy of community.

Rehearsals will take place on **Thursdays beginning February 19:**

- February rehearsals: **8:15–9:30 p.m.**
- Final three rehearsals: **7:30–9:00 p.m. (at the latest)**

On rare occasions, a brief optional Sunday review may be offered following worship; visiting choir members would never be expected to attend unless it is convenient.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, we invite you to contact the **Sharon-Hope United Church Office at 905-478-2231**. Registration is not mandatory, but it is very helpful so that we can ensure adequate space and materials for everyone.

We would be honoured to sing with you this Easter season.

With joy and hope,

Sharon-Hope United Church

Celebrating God through music and community