

***Hi, Joanne Lurgio from Warwick, Rhode Island, here.***

I am excited to tell you about my newest recording project, "Crossing Jordan," songs of faith, comfort & healing; my fourth full length album and somewhat different from my three previous Americana albums.

***Most of you know me as a full time musician;*** singer/songwriter/entertainer & recording artist who plays music in venues; restaurants, coffeehouses, house concerts. Many of you might not know that I also sing in other settings like senior facilities and memory units, providing much needed music as therapy for the elderly & sick, and also in various settings for funeral & memorial services. I had already witnessed the power of music with my work playing with Alzheimer & memory patients; seeing the joy & awakening music brings and have also come to realize the important role music plays to provide comfort during the very difficult healing process when we lose a loved one.

***In 2012, I began to work with Bryan Barrette*** (liturgical music director at St Kevin Church in Warwick, RI) as soloist for funerals & memorials services. I never would have imagined how gratifying this experience would be. Singing the old familiar songs I have sang hundreds of times over the years somehow felt different, as I was now singing them with "purpose", providing healing & comfort to those in need. I feel blessed and honored to be able to be a part of the process and have often been surprised when people approach us after a service to let us know how much they love these songs and were touched by our music, so much so that I decided I needed to record some of my favorites.

***Well, at the risk of sounding crazy I shared my idea with Bryan*** and asked if he would accompany me on piano. He liked the idea. I invited a few musical guests to join the project, but only enough to add what is necessary to bring the songs to life. (Aubrey Atwater, Elwood Donnelly, Cathy Clasper-Torch, Pamela Lowell, Joe Lurgio & Joe Potenza) The songs include would be 10 of my favorite hymns, those that resonated with me most to be bookended by 2 original songs; Crossing Jordan, the title song and Where There Street And Heaven Meet (co-written with Dawn Kenney) to close out.

***I teamed up again with my good friend and very talented grammy nominated producer/engineer Jack Gauthier at Lakewest Recording.*** He sure knows how to do it right! I am so happy with our final recording, ***Crossing Jordan***. I am really excited to share this music and hope it will provide you a bit of peace, healing and comfort.

***Love & Peace,***  
***Joanne xo***