



# The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church, 27 Cliff Street, PO Box 77, Nahant, MA 01908  
*An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ  
where everyone is welcome*

## April 2022 Scripture Readings

### April 3 - Worship/Communion

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

**Theme: Something New**

### April 10 - Worship Service

**Palm Sunday**

**Luke 19:28-40**

**Theme: Into Jerusalem**

### April 17 - Worship Service

**Easter Sunday**

**John 20:1-18**

**Theme: Resurrection Joy**

### April 24- Worship Service

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 5:27-32**

**Theme: Resurrection Witness**

## Calendar

### **Worship Service**

Sundays, 10:30 am in person in the Chapel and remote via Zoom.

### **Maundy Thursday Worship**

March 14, 7:00 p.m.  
in the Chapel

### **Sunrise Service**

5:50 a.m. Opposite Castle Rock

### **Contemplative Circle**

is on hiatus for now.  
Stay tuned.

### **Memory Café**

Connections - A Memory Café  
is on hiatus until further notice.

### **Bible Study** (via Zoom)

Tuesdays @ 10:00-11:00 am

### **Genesis Supper Club**

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

*See the last page for Zoom  
meetings and contact information*

Dear Nahant Village Church Family,

The joy of Easter is upon us. The fear of ‘Good’ Friday comes first. In a few short days, Jesus went from being cheered by the crowd to being arrested, twice convicted, tortured then hung to His death on the cross. For those who had been with him up and down the dusty byways of Israel, all hope seemed lost. Then, stunningly, Jesus was re-raised to life eternal and within a few short centuries He became the center of civilizations around the world.



I suppose I should not assume you know the story of Easter (if you do not, email me right away!) but I strongly suspect you know that story simply because you have been sent *Pulpit Rock*. But, what does the resurrection mean to you when you wake up and when you lay down (Psalms 3 & 4)? Not just on Easter Sunday but on May 6, July 23, October 5 and each day until the final trumpet sounds and Christ comes again. Always living in the shadow of the empty tomb, helps to remind us that things are neither as bad as they seem...we are not, after all, living in downtown Kiev... nor are they as good as they could be in comparison to the final chapters in the Book of Revelation when all tears and pain shall be gone and we shall live in the light and glory of God within the Gates of the Heavenly City.

Being a church means taking chances.  
Being a church means to be unafraid

when other churches and people exclaim, ‘what are *they* doing?’ and ‘who do they *think* they are?’ Being a church member means not just smiling about love on Sundays but walking in love throughout the week. This does not mean there will be no disagreements among us or that everything we do will turn out perfectly. This, this church thing all started when a stone blocking entry (or exit) to a tomb was rolled away. We know we are still imperfect people in an imperfect world but...with the promise of Easter comes the cry of the Lamb in Revelation 21:5, “Behold, I make all things new.” Come now, ready to continue into newness with our Risen Lord and with one another.

Peace and Love,

Preacher Rusty

preacher.rusty.chadwick@gmail.com

*“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far the LORD has helped us.”(1 Samuel 7:12)*

*Ebenezer is only mentioned three times in the Bible. By definition, Ebenezer means “stone of help.”*

*The background of its meaning and significance begins in 1 Samuel 4 with Israel and the Philistines.*

## MUSIC NOTES

**Bill Thompson, Organist**

**Would you like to participate in our  
Choir on Easter Sunday?**

**Rehearsals began after Church on  
Sunday, March 27**

**There is still time to join**

We are building a choir for Palm Sunday and Easter Services. No experience needed. Rehearsals will be kept to a minimum, and we'll select simple, but tasteful, pieces.



If you sound good in the shower, you'll sound even better in the church. Please consider this short-term project to make Palm Sunday and Easter very special services this year.

Contact **Bill Thompson** at [billinatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:billinatlanta@gmail.com) or **Marrit Hastings** at [calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com).

## SCRIPTURE READING

If you would like to be a reader on a Sunday or on Maundy Thursday (4/14), you can click on the links below. If you are not sure about the electronic sign up, just let Jen McCarthy know what you can help with.

email: [edwarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarthy@hotmail.com) Phone: [781-316-7309](tel:781-316-7309)

You can sign up to be a scripture reader during Sunday Worship by using on the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FADAF28AAFC1-scripture2>

Sign up to read during the Maundy Thursday Service, April 14th use the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FADAF28AAFC1-maundy>

## IMPORTANT RESTARTS - Hallelujah!

- **Masks** are optional beginning on **March 13**.
- **Congregational Singing** permitted starting on **March 20**.
- **Nahant Community Breakfasts** on **Friday, May 6 at 8:00 a.m.** 2022 kick off with Town Administrator Tony Barletta.
- **After Church Coffee Hour** offered again on the Sunday after Easter on **April 24** in simplified form.

*Let's all continue to be cautious and safe.* Please stay home or wear a mask if you have a cold or are not feeling well. Everyone's wellbeing is very important to us!

**Genesis Supper Club** is on Fridays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Village voices** will begin in person again soon. Stay tuned for dates.



## **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP**

with Preacher Roger 'Rusty' Chadwick  
On April 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

April 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
With Preacher Roger 'Rusty'  
Chadwick in the Chapel



## **GOOD FRIDAY**

Silent Prayer Time  
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.



## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

Led by Reverend Patricia Long  
Sunday, April 17 at 5:50 a.m.  
in Bob Risch's yard  
opposite Castle Rock

**Join us for Coffee at the Church  
following the Sunrise service.**



## **CELEBRATE EASTER SERVICE**

service with  
Preacher Roger 'Rusty' Chadwick  
in the Sanctuary on  
Sunday, April 17  
10:30 a.m.

## **AN 11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR CALLING!!**

The Nahant Village Church has joined a coalition of area churches in ringing its bells about climate change. We are at a crossroads with regards to the havoc of climate change on our planet and we all must take bold action to reverse this trend. To draw attention to this issue, bells were rung in Cambridge MA on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. This action has now spread to churches on the North Shore, from Salem, Gloucester and Rockport, who will join on March 11<sup>th</sup> and on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of every month. While a symbolic gesture, we hope that by ringing bells for 11 times in our town each month, we will join our neighbors in bringing awareness of this critical issue and the need for all of us to take further action.

## **LOOKING FOR BELL RINGERS**

Join us Mondays at between 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. for some basic orientation and training on how ring bells and use our chimes. No experience necessary. These basic training sessions start the Monday after Easter -- April 18. Let Marris know if you are interested or have questions ([calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com)).

## **CONNECTIONS A MEMORY CAFÉ**

### **The Memory Cafe continues to be on hiatus**

The sponsors of the Memory Café plan to meet soon to assess how best to move forward with increased attendance and participation.

Please contact Sharon Hawkes or Marris Hastings if you have ideas for interesting programming or outreach to caregivers of individuals experiencing memory loss. Until the Memory Café monthly gatherings resume, there are helpful resources for caregivers at the Library.

## **GENESIS SUPPER CLUB**

The Genesis Supper Club meets in person and via Zoom on Friday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Zoom and phone meeting information is available Nahant Village Church Webpage at [www.nahantvillagechurch.org](http://www.nahantvillagechurch.org).

## **NAHANT VILLAGE VOICES**

We do not have a start up date for the Nahant Village Voices meeting in person. Please send an email to us at [NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com](mailto:NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com) to sign up for our announcements. We look forward to featuring musical performances as well as poets and spoken word artists.

## **COMPASSIONATE CARE CIRCLE**

Please contact Rev. Patricia Long if you would like to be involved in the rewarding mission of Compassionate Caring in our church community and beyond.



## **ELIZABETH PETERSON PALMER SCHOLARSHIP**

The Elizabeth Peterson Palmer Scholarship will be offered to a Class of 2022 high school graduate with Nahant Village Church affiliation, on the basis of scholarship and service to the Church community. The Scholarship award will be five hundred dollars (\$500).

Applications must be received no later than Monday, May 16, 2022. Completed forms and attachments should be sent to **Elizabeth Peterson Palmer Scholarship, c/o Nahant Village Church, P. O. Box 77, Nahant, MA 01908**. The Scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

Applications are available at the Church or a downloadable application can be found on the NVC Web page at [nahantvillagechurch.org](http://nahantvillagechurch.org)

## **NAHANT GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

If you have lived in Nahant for at least 3 years and have been accepted to an accredited institution of higher education, you may want to apply for the Nahant Garden Club's Marie Ford \$2,000 scholarship for 2022.

**For more information, call Jeannie Buckley at 781-581-0389.**

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## **EASTER LILY PLANTS FOR THE ALTAR**



Would you like to help decorate the Altar in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday Worship? If so, please complete the order form on the the page in this Pulpit Rock and return it by mail or to the collection plate after services.

Applications are available in the bulletins

for the next few weeks as well.

The plants will cost \$10 each and the deadline for order is April 10.

As in the past, we ask that you take the lilies when the service is over. Any lilies left will be delivered to people who cannot leave their homes.

*Please include your dedication and your name on the order form.*

**Nahant Village Church**  
**Congregational Budget Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

Thirty-three people gathered after worship service, either in person or via Zoom, to discuss and vote on the future of Nahant Village Church and the 2022 Budget. Voters included those physically present in the chapel or virtually on Zoom and proxy voters who had submitted their ballots prior to the meeting. Jen McCarthy, Chair of the Leadership Team presented the Moving Forward Plan and led the subsequent discussion. This plan calls for:

- 1 Increasing Rev. Patricia Long's time from 10 to 20 hours per week, continuing with Pastoral Care, as well as leading Communion services, and meeting with church groups.
2. Continuation of Rusty Chadwick as our Sunday Preacher
3. Engaging the services of Pastor Chris Hart from the UCC as a consultant to work with three teams over a six-month period to address church revitalization issues.

The three teams each consisting of 3 to 5 individuals will be working on the following three topics:

**Identity** – Explore the good and the bad working towards coming to terms with that identity and opportunities to share these insights with the Congregation. This team will seek ways to be an advocate for the Church mission and purpose.

**Growth**—Seek opportunities to empower the Congregation as a whole and explore opportunities for growth and partnership. This team will work to help the Congregation be engaged in ministry with deepening faith practices, sharing the Good News and making disciples.

**Structure and Bylaws** – Review the current bylaws seeking to ensure that this foundational document is the adaptive tool needed for the current and future ministry of NVC. This team will be visionary, setting a foundation for the robust ministry of NVC. Final bylaw changes must be voted on by the Congregation.

These teams will convene bi-weekly guided by Pastor Chris over a six-month period. The primary format of the meetings will be zoom, although other modalities such as in-person, phone, and email also will be used. The teams will be forming in the next two weeks, and it is hoped that team meetings would begin in early April. The Leadership Team and the Trustees are looking for

volunteers and will be contacting our members and friends to ask them to join in this effort.

The discussion that followed the presentation of the Moving Forward Proposal concerned Sunday morning services, and who would lead them. The stimulating and well attended services in 2021, led by Nahant community members, were discussed a model for future worship services. An amendment to Section 2 of the original Moving Forward Proposal was made: The Leadership Team and Rev Patricia will be responsible for overseeing the Sunday services to include congregational and community members. A vote was taken and this amended Moving Forward Plan passed unanimously, with one abstention.

### **2022 NVC Budget Proposal**

Bill Crawford, Chair of the Board of Trustees briefly reviewed the financial results of 2021, as well as the impact of the Moving Forward Plan voted on as it relates to the 2022 budget. Our financial needs will increase in 2022 for a number of reasons. One major factor is the plan to increase our settled minister from Part Time to Full time, as voted on by the congregation in 2021. In order to balance this new budget, it will be necessary to draw from our General Endowment—a first in many years. The Trustees and Leadership Team see it as a necessary investment in the future of our Church.

Discussion that followed the motion to accept the 2022 Budget focused on the parsonage and staff compensation. These questions were clarified by Marrit Hastings, Treasurer of NVC.

A vote was taken, all approved the budget proposal, with one abstention.

The **Nahant Village Church Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 11:30. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend either in person or via Zoom.

### **COVID TEST KITS**

Town Hall has provided the Church with a limited number of COVID tests kits for our Congregation. If you need one, please contact Marrit Hastings.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<b>Rob Alexander</b>	<b>4/27</b>
<b>Kevin Bailey</b>	<b>4/04</b>
<b>Nancy Carey</b>	<b>4/18</b>
<b>Ute Grfierer</b>	<b>4/19</b>
<b>Carl Jenkins</b>	<b>4/24</b>
<b>Dunbar Livingston</b>	<b>4/05</b>
<b>Mary Livingston</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Nina Rogers</b>	<b>4/09</b>
<b>Bruce Walker</b>	<b>4/18</b>



*Dear Nahant Village Church Friends,*

*Thank you for your cards and letters.*

*Thank you more than you will ever know for bringing us dinners. With Owen's death and John and my health issues, I barely had time to prepare food. I will always remember that you saved us with your generosity, kindness, culinary creations, love and care.*

*We never could have come this far without all of you. I cherish your kindness and friendship. Many, many thanks.*

*Much Love,*

*Maria Welsh*



## **FAMILY NOTE TO NVC BETH MONTGOMERY HEATH'S**

Dear Rev. Patricia and Susan—A huge heartfelt thanks to both of you, the deacons, and all who helped make our mom's memorial service all that we could have imagined and an awesome tribute to a wonderful life. We loved the tone you set, the bell ringing was powerful, Ute's voice is one my mom would have loved (as did we), and the historic and gorgeous church was just perfect. You clearly have a loving and amazing church community, and we were honored to step into it for this momentous occasion in our lives.

Thank you again, and I hope our paths cross again.

With deep appreciation,

Karen, Ellen, David, Debby, and Izzie

## **IN PERSON WORSHIP AND ZOOM WORSHIP**

We continue our worship in the Chapel, in person, at 10:30 a.m.

We hope that you can join us for worship in person on Palm Sunday, March 10 when services are moved back to the Sanctuary.

If you feel uncomfortable coming to church, we offer Zoom services for people to log onto and watch the service live. We will continue to video the service and upload it to YouTube and send that link out as well, later Sunday evening. It is important for you to mute yourself when you sign on. Thank you for your support and patience while we continue to learn new ways to bring you the weekly worship service during COVID times.

### **Join Zoom Meeting Link and Information**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912048062?pwd=VG1xUW0wWVZ4YUF4Qm9lOUFYU2VQUT09>

Meeting ID: 869 1204 8062

Passcode: 123456

#### **Dial by your location**

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Also, the link for the Zoom service can be found on the NVC Web Home pages at [nahantvillagechurch.org](http://nahantvillagechurch.org)



## **NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**



**NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH**  
**27 Cliff Street, PO Box 77, Nahant, MA**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Call the Church at 781-581-1202 to leave a message. Contact Rev. Patricia Long for urgent Pastoral Care, or Jennifer McCarthy for other church needs. Phone messages at the Church are checked regularly and forwarded to the appropriate individual on our Team.

**Church** – 781-581-1202

**Preacher:** Roger “Rusty” Chadwick

**Pastoral Care:** Rev. Patricia Long  
781-941-6663 or [revpatsylong@gmail.com](mailto:revpatsylong@gmail.com)

**Leadership Team**

**Jen McCarthy** (Chair) - [edwarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarthy@hotmail.com)  
or 781-316-7309  
also Board of Deacons Chair

**Nancy Cantelmo** - [nlc31@comcast.net](mailto:nlc31@comcast.net)  
or 781-599-3977 or 617-794-6477)  
Memorials/Music Committee Chair

**Bill Crawford** - [crawfordwm@verizon.net](mailto:crawfordwm@verizon.net)  
or 781-581-0411)  
Board of Trustee Chair

**Maria Welsh** ([mariawelsh@ymail.com](mailto:mariawelsh@ymail.com)  
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**Treasurer**

**Marrit Hastings** - ([calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com))  
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**Andy Puleo** - [andynahant@aol.com](mailto:andynahant@aol.com)  
or 617-293-3913)

**Compassionate Care Circle**

**Olivia Brand** - 781-584-8112 or 717- 816-5046

*You are invited*

**Sunday Worship Service in the Chapel**  
**Sundays @10:30 am**

**Live Zoom Sunday Service**

**Live Zoom Service**

Meeting ID: 869 1204 8062

Passcode: 123456

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

A link is available on the NVC Home page.

**Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Click below to join on Zoom

**NVCBible**

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

**Contemplative Circle**

on hiatus for now. Stay tuned.

**Genesis Supper Club**

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

Join on Zoom

**GenesisSupperClub**

Meeting ID: 881 0920 8580

Passcode: 01908

**Nahant Village Voices**

On Hold until the new year  
Click below to join on Zoom

**NahantVV**

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!



**+ ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES NOW +**

This year we plan to decorate the altar and sanctuary with  
Easter Lilies on Easter, April 17.

**The cost per plant is \$10.00.**

If you would like to order one or more Easter Lily,  
please complete the form below and send it with your *check* to:

Nahant Village Church  
Easter Lily  
PO Box 77 - Easter Lily  
Nahant, MA 01908

or place this form with your check in the offering plate.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 10th.**

We request that you take your plant(s) with you following  
the Easter services, so that you may enjoy it at home.

Any plants that are left after the service on Easter will be given to  
people who are ill or shut-in, unless you specify otherwise.

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I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily(ies) for Easter, April 17th.

I would like the dedication and my name printed in the Easter bulletin as follows:

**In memory or celebration of** (please circle one):

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_