



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*

May 2022 Scripture Readings

May 1 - Worship/Communion

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20

Theme: *The Way Forward*

May 8 - Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23

Theme: *Life-giving Acts*

May 15 - Worship Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-8; Rev 21:1-6

Theme: *Imagine*

May 22 - Worship Service

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Theme: *Disciples Together*

May 22- Worship Service

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Theme: *Breaking Chains*

Calendar

Worship Service

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

NVC Annual Meeting

May 1 following Worship

Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, May 6 at 8:00 a.m.

For the Arts Nahant

Saturday, May 14

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Memorial Day Service

Sunday, May 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Bells Mondays

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 past us...well, um, wait a minute, should it ever be in the past? Should a resurrection, especially The Resurrection of the Lord of the Universe, ever be something that we place in the back of our mental closet or allow to fade to black like the colors of Fall's leaves come January? Somewhere between 1,984-1,989 years ago and counting, some women walked then some men ran to a local cemetery. As when each of us visit cemeteries, they went expecting to find the dead there. Could there be any other expectation? Except, just this one time, there was another outcome. The one, no, The One, they sought... had risen...from the dead. Just days before, He told one of the two thieves hanging on crosses next to Him that, "Truly I tell you, this day you shall be with me in Paradise." To this day, Christ continues to be risen.

You see, "the Word became flesh and walked among us." He feed 5000. He stilled the wind. He gave sight to the blind. He washed His disciples' feet. The One through Whom all things were made, let them pound nails through His hands and feet, and, as they did, He forgave them.

On Easter Sunday, I asked, "when it comes to being in the sun of the Son ... are you wax or clay?" The answer is: be both. Let your hearts melt when you come across those who are hungry or thirsty or afraid or lonely or sick and reach out to them with the love of Christ. Keep your hearts like hardening clay to stay focused on God so you are not pulled away from God's

vineyard by the sounds and furies of this world. When you feel you are too soft or too hard, go out into the light, into the Son, and let God's love warm your heart and mind back to just the right temperature.

Some say this idea of God and of one person dying for all is foolishness. Dying for the forgiveness of sins? How un-modern. Let me tell you, Christ on the cross was not very 'modern' to the Romans or the Greeks either, until they saw the Truth of it. Some say that the battle of good versus evil is over. "Such superstition!", they say. In the *Wall Street Journal* on April 13, Daniel Henninger's wrote article titled "The Devil Resurfaces in Ukraine: Putin's war is forcing a re-evaluation of evil in the world and our response to it". He called us to reconsider our thoughts on evil. It reminded me that when I wake up each day, I should remember that, no matter how heavy the burdens I carry, at least I am not waking up in Mariupol or Kyiv. He wrote, "Opinions on the nature of evil have differed since at least the Garden of Eden. But I'm pretty sure that the events since Feb. 24 in Ukraine have taught us this: If you give the devil a chance, he will try to destroy you."

My friends, do not leave that door open. Be wax to one another and be like hardening clay in your focus to stay in the Light of God's love. Besides, there is so much work to do, who has time to go astray?!?

Peace and Love,

Preacher Rusty

¹ Gospel Matthew 23: 43-44

² Gospel of John 1: 1-14

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - MAY 29, 2022

Dear Church Family and Friends,

We have planned a Memorial Day Service for Sunday, May 29, 2022 at our 10:30 Worship. Please join us and invite your friends.



We plan to sing some of our favorite patriotic music: O Beautiful For Spacious Skies, God Bless America, etc. We will also include This Is My Song/Finlandia to honor our connection to all countries.

During this special worship we will honor those who serve/have served in our armed forces over the years as well as their families who support/supported them. Our organist, Bill Thompson, will play scores from the six branches of our armed forces. We will ask you to stand when your score is played.

Also during this worship time we will recognize your loved ones who have died, as is the popular custom for Memorial Day weekend. We will have A Sacred Reading of Name. We ask that you write the name of your deceased loved one in the book designated for this purpose; the book will be in the Narthex until May 23rd. You may also e-mail your loved one's name to secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org Susan will gather these names up until May 23. Thank you.

Rev Patricia Long
Bridge Pastor

NAHANT MEMORIAL CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Patricia will participate in the traditional Memorial celebration at Greenlawn Cemetery. NVC choir members also will join the singers from St. Thomas to sing America the Beautiful as we have done in the past.

NVC IN THE NEWS

The tolling of our Church bells on the 11th day of every month at the 11th hour made front page news in the Daily Item on April 6. NVC is doing this in collaboration with other churches as a means to bring attention to the climate crisis. A reporter from WBZ Radio (1030 AM) came to our Church on April 11 to get more information about this initiative and to hear the tolling of the bell 11 times. This resulted in a very short clip that was broadcast throughout the day on Wednesday, the 12th. Many individuals heard and commented on the clip. It is great when our Church is highlighted in the news.

NVC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 1

Following Worship

Annual Reports are available at the Church. If you are unable to pick one up after Church or during the week, contact AA Susan Gilbert. She will mail one to you. Her email address is secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org. The reports were made available prior to the May 1st Annual Meeting.

MEMORIES OF EASTER'S PAST

Easter was a big day in my family -- big family dinner, new hat, new dress, big church service with familiar hymns and music. In my family, it was almost as big as Christmas minus gifts and a tree. Many women sported a corsage for church.

Anonymous Parishioner

AN EARLY EASTER

Three members of the NVC choir joined the choir of Stoneman Memorial Church to participate in their Easter worship service Holy Saturday. It was a wonderful experience, and we hope that some of the SM Church choir members will reciprocate and join us for a special worship service. Thanks to Coleen Caster for inviting us. Coleen who lives in Nahant is a member of the SM Church but joined the NVC choir for Palm Sunday and Easter Worship Services. We also want to thank Carol Sanphy for singing with us.

MANY THANKS

To all those who participated in and attended Holy Week and Easter Services, in particular Preacher Rusty Chadwick, Rev. Patricia Long, Deacons Jen McCarthy and Chris Stevens, Bill Thompson and our singers, Amy Dow for singing at the sunrise service, the Village Ringers, Chris Whitlock with his bagpipe,



Maria Welsh for sprucing up the window boxes in the garth, and Cal and Marrit Hastings for providing hot coffee, cocoa and Danish after the Easter Sunrise Service. Thanks go to Bob and Nancy Risch for giving NVC permission to hold the Easter sunrise service on their lawn.

SEARCH FOR A SETTLED PASTOR



As you may know, our Profile for a Settled Pastor has been posted on the UCC website since the end of January. To date, we have received seven Profiles from interested candidates. Of the seven, we asked four to interview with us on Zoom.

One candidate declined our invitation as she was in talks already with another church. One interview is scheduled for the middle of May. The two other people we met were good candidates, but our Search Team didn't feel they would be the right fit for NVC. The Area Minister has assured the Search Team that he is spreading the word about NVC and letting people know all the amazing things going on at NVC and knows that more Profiles will be coming our way. We will keep you update on the Search Process.

THE NAHANT COMMUNITY BREAKFAST IS BACK!



On May 6, we will resume our monthly breakfasts. The May breakfast will feature Town Administrator Tony Barletta who will give a presentation on the State of the Town and Budget. It is a great opportunity to get familiar with key warrant items that will be voted on at the

May 21st Town Meeting. The Nahant Council on Aging continues to provide transportation for elders to and from the breakfast. Simply call the Tiffany Room a few days in advance.

We are in the process of putting together an interesting line-up of presentations for future breakfasts, so please mark your calendars:

- June 3 - Refugee and Immigration Assistance Center
- July 9 - Travels to Antarctica by Isabell VanMerlin
- August 5 - Seaglass Village--Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- September 9 - State Senator Brendan Crighton



FOR ARTS IN NAHANT EVENT

NVC will have a table at this event to be held on Sunday, May 14 from 10-2 pm at East point. Our table will have informational material on various Church activities--Genesis Supper Club, monthly breakfasts, Village Voices, Village Ringers and more. We want volunteers to hand out materials and answer any questions that attendees may have. Contact Jen McCarthy if you can help. Thanks in advance!

FOR NVC PLACEMAT UPDATE

The current NVC placemats are in need of an update -- some of the businesses listed are no longer in business or have changed their affiliation (such as the bank). We will need to recruit some new vendors to advertise and touch base with others who place an ad. See Marrit Hastings to learn more or to volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE HOUR



We are excited to start our Coffee Hour again after our Sunday worship services, in Swansburg Hall. We would like to ask for volunteers to oversee the Coffee Hour, which is more like 30 – 45 minutes. Coffee will be made and food will be provided. Volunteers will just do a light clean up and clean out the coffee pot. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.

NVC CALENDAR

Please notify our AA Susan about any events (including meetings) so that she can put in on the master schedule. This will ensure that no one runs into any scheduling conflicts. The schedule will be posted in the Church; we also are exploring having it posted on the Church website. secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org

HANDBELLS FOR BEGINNERS



We started a small group of beginner handbell ringers and invite anyone who is interested to join. We both go over how to read music, as well as handbell ringing techniques. We meet on **Mondays from 4:45 to about 5:15**. When the Village Ringers return to regular rehearsals, we will provide an opportunity for beginners to ring with them for an additional 15 minutes or so. Contact Marrit Hastings if you are interested in joining this group. Beginner rehearsals will be held on May 2nd and then resume on the 23rd. Experienced Ringers are welcome to join at 5:15 p.m.

GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

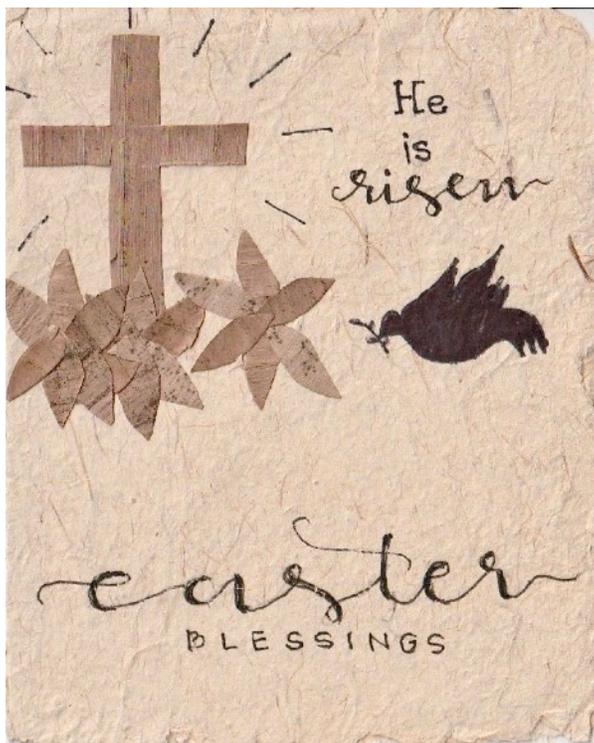
The Genesis Supper Club meets in person and via Zoom on Friday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Zoom and phone meeting information is available Nahant Village Church Webpage at www.nahantvillagechurch.org.

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 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.



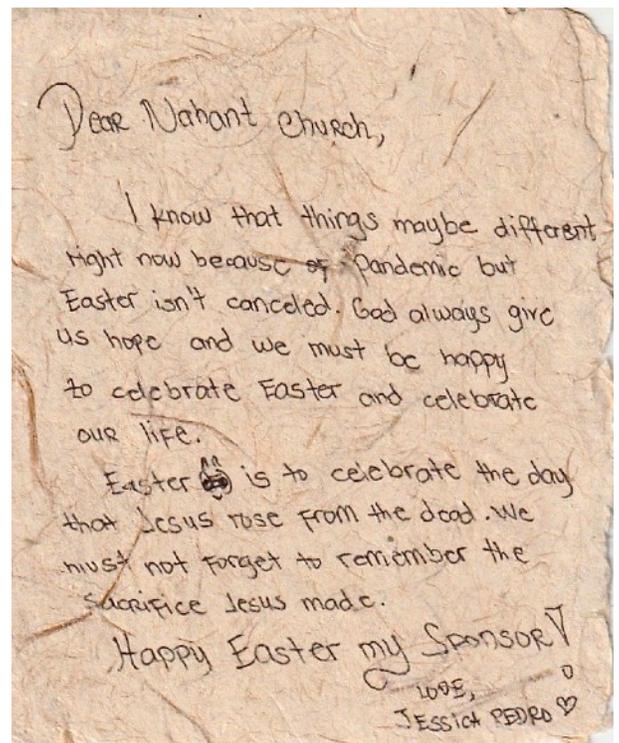
- to Samantha Scolamiero and her family on the death of her father Dennis
- to the family of Arthur Barreda; he was the husband of the late Jackie Barreda who was NVC's Moderator for a number of years



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 - Linda Hall
- 8 - Herb Motley
- 10 - Edie Richardson
- 12 - Jen McCarthy
- 22 - Margaret Alexander
- 26 - Linda Jenkins

*Easter Greetings from Jessica Pedro,
NVC's sponsor child in the Philippines.*





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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.

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Compassionate Care Circle

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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!