



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*



YES TO REOPENING OUR CHURCH FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

On Sunday morning, April 11, we held an online Zoom discussion about when and how we might re-open the Nahant Village Church to in-person worship. The discussion was led by Jen McCarthy, Chair of the Leadership Team, and was attended by 22 people. Jen prepared a presentation about re-opening the Church. The consensus of the group was that we all look forward to getting together again for worship, but it must be done with COVID precautions. The re-opening will occur on Sunday, May 9.

Our protocol for how to safely conduct a service has already been approved by the Town of Nahant's Health Officer. Masks and social distancing will be required. Although many have been vaccinated for COVID, we will not have that information. A distanced seating plan, attendance records, and safe communion were discussed. Singing and playing wind instruments will not take place for the present. Also, there will be no coffee hour after the worship service until it is deemed safe to do so.

Our current Interim Minister, Rev. Jeff MacDonald, came to us with another part-time position in NH where he conducts services on Sunday morning, presently live and online. For that reason, we must find another minister for Sunday worship, although that person will work with Rev. Jeff. We are searching for a long-term supply minister for that position.

We are in the process of developing safe plans that will allow the Church to be used for small Church groups that may wish to gather in-person. The Leadership Team will provide more information as plans proceed. It is our hope that outdoor services will take place in the summer.

Please feel free to contact anyone on the Leadership Team with questions, suggestions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you at Nahant Village Church on our re-opening day – May 9 (see below) or shortly thereafter.

With hope for our future together,
The NVC Leadership Team
Jen McCarthy, Chair, Nancy Cantelmo, Bill Crawford, Marrit Hastings, and Maria Welsh

JOIN US FOR THE MAY 9 IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE

This service will be led by Supply Minister Roger "Rusty" Chadwick. He is a criminal defense and family law attorney who has his own law firm in Nashua, NH. He was roughly half-way through his studies toward a Master's Degree of Divinity when he and his wife started raising a family, so the focus on family stopped that plan. We look forward to welcoming Rusty to our Church and hope that you will join us for this reopening service. Invite a parishioner you have not seen for a long time or a friend.

Please note that parking right in front of the main entrance to the Church is reserved for drop off, as well as parking for individuals who have limited mobility. To get into the Sanctuary, we ask that you use the main entrance to the Church.

May 2021 Scripture Reading

May 2

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31,
1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Theme: Abiding in Love

May 9

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Theme: Friends Together

May 16

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Theme: Guided in Prayer

May 23

Acts 2:1-21;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27

Theme: Spirit for All

May 30

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Theme: Mysterious Encounter

Calendar

Worship Service

Sundays @ 10:30 am

Live Beginning on May 9

(subsequently broadcast via
YouTube and Zoom)

Nahant Village Voices

on "Mothers"

(via Zoom)

Saturday, May 8, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesdays @ 10:00 - 11:00 am

Genesis Supper Club

(via Zoom)

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

See last page for Zoom links

BELLS GOING LIVE AGAIN

Join us on Sunday, May 23rd to welcome the Village Ringers who will be back to ring live in the worship service. Up until now, the bell ringing pieces have been audio or video recorded.



In July, the Ringers will perform several patriotic pieces for the “Wall that Heals” which is scheduled to be in Nahant in mid-July. The “Wall that

Heals” is the traveling Vietnam Veterans memorial and honors those who served in the Vietnam War. The Wall comes to Nahant through the efforts of American Legion 215 of Nahant. Stay tuned for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Now that the Church is re-opening its doors for in-person worship, we invite parishioners and friends of the Church to once again donate flowers on specific Sundays in honor of a special occasion or person or in memory of a loved one. For the time being, please contact Marrit Hastings with any altar flower requests. Her contact information can be found at the end of this Pulpit Rock edition.

Lissa Stempel was the altar flower contact person for many years. Unfortunately, she has moved away from Nahant and now resides in North Carolina. We are looking for someone to take her place. If you are interested in taking this on as your mission or want further information about what is involved, please contact Marrit.

NVC HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Ride on, Ride On – Palm Sunday Car Processional

Several in our Congregation gathered in front of the Church on Palm Sunday to join the Palm Sunday Processional. About half a dozen cars paraded through Nahant with children and adults waving their palms, commemorating Jesus’ triumphant entry into the Jerusalem. The processional passed by St. Thomas Aquinas Church just as parishioners ended their church service giving us a chance to pass greetings with our palms. We encountered other Nahanters on our route and again waved at each other joyfully. Other cars joined our processional as we drove by. And those who could not join in were able to pick up their palms at the entry of our Church. It was a fabulous (somewhat ecumenical) beginning of Holy Week. Thank you, Jen for coming up with this idea and for your carefully worked out plans.

Easter in Nahant

About 50 people gathered on the lawn of Bob and Nancy Risch for the Easter sunrise service which was led by Rev. Teri Motley. It was a glorious gathering to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. All those who came were so glad to be able to come together (albeit masked and social distanced) to see the sun rise from the ocean and shed its



*Amazing Grace
bagpipes by Chris Whitlock
Easter Sunrise Service*

brilliant light over Nahant. Because we could not sing hymns to the glory of the risen Christ, music was provided on a keyboard by NVC Music Director, Peter Freisinger. There also was a recording of Were You There sung by Amy Dow, and a rendition of Now The Green Blade Riseth by the Village Ringers. Special thanks go to Chris Whitlock who played Amazing Grace on his bagpipes. Communion was served using prepackaged



Chris Whitlock, Rev. Terry Motley, and Peter Freisinger



*Placing flowers on
the Cross*

As the service came to a conclusion, each individual left the gathering after placing a flower on the wooden cross. The 10:30 Easter celebration led by Rev. Jeff MacDonald was prerecorded and broadcast via Zoom and YouTube. It was a wonderful service against a backdrop of Easter lilies on the altar. It featured a spirited music program organized and performed by NVC Music Director, Peter Freisinger. Soprano Ute Gfrerer magnificently sang and pre-recorded our traditional Easter hymns for broadcast during the service. There were other pre-recordings from Trumpeter Cheryl Przytula, Baritone Bulent Guneralp, as well as the Village Ringers. Communion was served following the 10:30 service as a drive by. A picture of the cross and a basket of prepackaged communion sets were featured in The Daily Item of April 10.





Sunrise at East Point

The **sunrise service** was featured on the front page of The Boston Globe Metro Section on Monday, April 5 with a beautiful picture of the sunrise and cross, as well as a photo of Rev. Teri giving the final blessing on page 2. The front page of The Globe showed Roz Puleo placing a flower on the cross.

Many thanks to all who made these beautiful services a reality but especially Rev. Jeff and Rev. Teri, the Deacons Jen McCarthy and Christine Stevens, and Peter Freisinger for leading the music programs. We also want to express our appreciation to Nancy and Bob Risch for permitting the Church to hold the sunrise service on their property.

EASTER GREETINGS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

- For I remember it is Easter morn and life and love and peace are all new born
- Easter is the only time of year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket
- Easter is a time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy

“Happy Easter! I hope and pray that God will always be with you and guide you always. God bless you”

Jessica

In her note, Jessica expresses her thanks for the support provided by our Church. Last year, we provided extra support for a food package (shown in the picture). “It helps a lot especially in times of crisis (like the pandemic).” Jessica is a second-year college student, saving

money so that she can buy a laptop for use in her studies and by her family.

COMPASSIONATE CARE GROUP (CCG)

The Compassionate Care Group continues to support about two dozen members of our community on an ongoing basis. The exact number of people we serve fluctuates monthly as needs change and some of our beloved friends find their way to Heaven. And yet, we know that there are still folks who may need a helping hand or a spiritual life that we haven’t reached yet. It might just be YOU, even if you have been a church

member for a long time. If you haven’t received a card or call from us lately, you may not be on our list.

This year has been so challenging for all of us and we aim to do more acts of kindness during this time. We are going to take a closer look at the church ministry in the month of May, examining our mission, and participating in training with Rev. Jeff. If you are interested in using your gifts of caring to help your neighbors in small and tangible ways this is a great time to join us and learn best practices. Please contact Olivia Brand at olivia.f.brand@gmail.com to learn more about this opportunity and training date or to share a care need that yours or someone you care for may have.



THE GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club is going strong with 6 to 12 participating weekly. We are excited to adopt a plot at the Nahant Community Garden this spring. We are planning our project in the next few meetings and welcome your participation. Several members will be able to walk over to tend herbs, vegetables and edible flowers, and it will be a nice way for to connect outdoors. The Supper Club meets from 5 to 6:30 every Friday night via Zoom.

NAHANT VILLAGE VOICES

April’s “Resurrection” poetry readings were postponed due to technical difficulties. We are eager to host Maureen Edison’s feature in the chapel very soon. We have selected the topic of “Mothers” scheduled for May 8 from 3 to 5 pm on Zoom. If you have tried to use a NVV link on the website and have not been successful, please let us know since we have found some glitches. Please do not hesitate to contact us at NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com if you are having trouble logging on, we will monitor that address during the first half hour. Please contact us if you are a Nahanter or NVC connected writer or performer who would like to feature in the future.



Jessica Pedro, our sponsor college student in The Philippines

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

The following daily devotionals are now available. They can be picked up before or after the worship service starting on May 9 or by calling Susan Gilbert at the Church office (see contact info on the last page).



Upper Room

May and June Edition

Our Daily Bread

June, July and August Edition

WANTED

A portable cassette player with headphones or ear plugs to enable one of our parishioners to enjoy a variety of audio book. Contact Marrit Hastings or Olivia Brand if you have one that you are willing to donate.

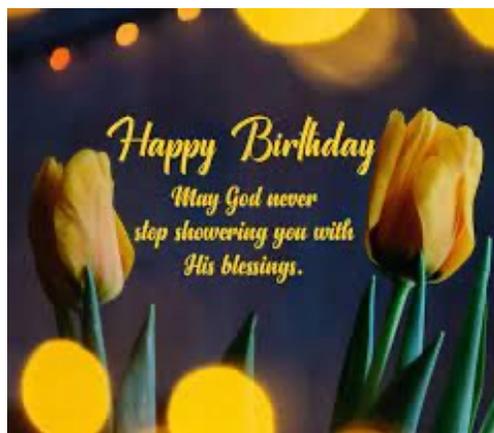


IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As we re-open our Church for in-person worship, it presents a variety of volunteer opportunities. Help is needed with the following activities

- **Scripture readers** – Contact Jen McCarthy
- **Friends of the Deacons** to help usher Church attendees and with other Deacon duties that may come up – again, contact Jen
- A person to take charge of **Altar Flowers**— ordering arrangements, picking them up, getting appropriate information into the bulletin, and interface with parishioners and friends who desire to donate altar flowers. The person who undertakes this also will organize Easter and Christmas Eve flowers and decorate the Sanctuary and other parts of the Church. Contact Marrit Hastings.

Thanks in Advance for Stepping Up to the Plate!



MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to all who were born in May.

We hope that you have a great day

And a fabulous year ahead!

May 6 – Linda Hall

May 8 – Herb Motley

May 10 – Edie Richardson

May 12 – Jen McCarthy

May 22 – Margaret Alexander

May 26 – Linda Jenkins



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Call the Church at 781-581-1202, anyone on the Leadership Team, or Rev. Jeff for any urgent pastoral care or other needs. Phone messages at the Church are checked daily and forwarded to the appropriate individual on our Team.

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You are invited

All gatherings are held on Zoom
For call in: Dial-in +1 929 205 6099

Worship begins live on May 9th!

Sunday Worship Service

Sundays @ 10:30 am

On May 2nd: Click below to join on Zoom

[NVCworship](#)

Meeting ID: 874 0946 3319

Passcode: 01908

Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Click below to join on Zoom

[NVCBible](#)

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

Click below to join on Zoom

[GenesisSupperClub](#)

Meeting ID: 881 0920 8580

Passcode: 01908

Nahant Village Voices

Saturday, February 13 @ 3:00 pm

Click below to join on Zoom

[NahantVV](#)

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)