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Dear Friends,

In our Theology Wednesday class, we have been pairing Van Gogh's paintings with scripture. For the Palm Sunday devotional, it was a perfect match between Van Gogh's *Starry Night* and Luke's version of the Palm Sunday story. Jesus' claim about the stones and Van Gogh's painting gives us the impression that all of creation rises up to sing God's praises, even when we are silent.

When looking at Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, you'll notice creation is swirling with lightness and joy. The Palm Sunday story gives us a glimpse of this vibrant choreography when God's people sing what the stones would otherwise shout, "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!"

What better time of year to notice the "symphonic, spirited effervescence" of God's creation! Take some time to step outside to watch and listen to creation. Contemplate the stars as they twinkle in the night sky. Watch the spring flowers as they sway in concert with the gentle breezes. Listen for the call of the male cardinal or red-tailed hawk as they sing their mating calls.

God's praises are being sung all around us. Often, we miss it as we rush around attending to our busy days. Slow down this spring and ask God to give you eyes to see and ears to hear the doxology of this wondrous creation that is always radiating God's glory and joy.

Joy always,

Pastor Christina

**Resource:** Salt Project. *Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent—A Lenten Devotional*. Saltproject.org 18.



"Starry Night" Vincent Van Gogh

*Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." Luke 19: 39-40*

# April Birthdays



## UPCOMING WORSHIP – EASTERTIDE

For indoor worship, please remember to wear your mask. You can also view our services on Facebook live and Zoom.

### April 24 – 10 a.m. – Holy Humor Sunday

We start the Easter season with celebration, joy, and laughter. Join us this Sunday for a dose of humor. Come in your most wacky outfit, come ready to laugh. For centuries, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. Scripture: Psalm 126, Genesis 18:1-15.

### May 1 – 10 a.m. – Earth Sunday – Holy Communion

This Earth Sunday we honor trees. The more we learn from science about trees, we can’t help but marvel at how they communicate with each other and at their crucial role in the health of our planet. UU Falmouth’s program “Be the Hope” is working with school children to plant more than 1,000 white oaks on Cape Cod. Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3, Isaiah 41:17-20.

### May 8 – 10 a.m. – Life-Giving Acts – Mother’s Day

In today’s scripture, we learn that resurrection is not a one-time thing. It is something that happens again and again in our lives, which is a cause to rejoice. On this Mother’s Day we celebrate God’s gift—we are continually born anew. Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17, Acts 9:36-43.

### May 15 – 10 a.m. – Mr. Rogers Sunday

As the first few notes of the television show *Mister Rogers Neighborhood* played, viewers were transported from the streets of the neighborhood and into the sacred space of Mister Rogers living room where they were greeted by a flashing yellow stop light; an invitation to slow down. This is a day to slow down and be fully present with God. Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Luke 10:25-37.

04/05	Cole Allenby
04/05	Laurinda Morway
04/08	Hank Bertsch
04/09	Leslie Murphy
04/12	Ann Lindberg
04/13	Emily Yoerger
04/14	Susan Rowitz
04/15	Kristin Fraser
04/17	Vincent Greco
04/21	Brigid Murphy
04/21	Jan Winslow
04/29	Sarah Oshman
04/30	Bethany Ashworth

# Happy Birthday







**PALM  
SUNDAY**



**The beautiful Bilburgia plant given by Pam Polloni graced our Palm Sunday Worship.**



**Leslie & Keira as disciples giving the colt to Sarah portraying Jesus.**



**A delightful skit reenacting the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem. Carolee & Alan as Mary & Tobias reporting from the Jerusalem Broadcast Network News.**



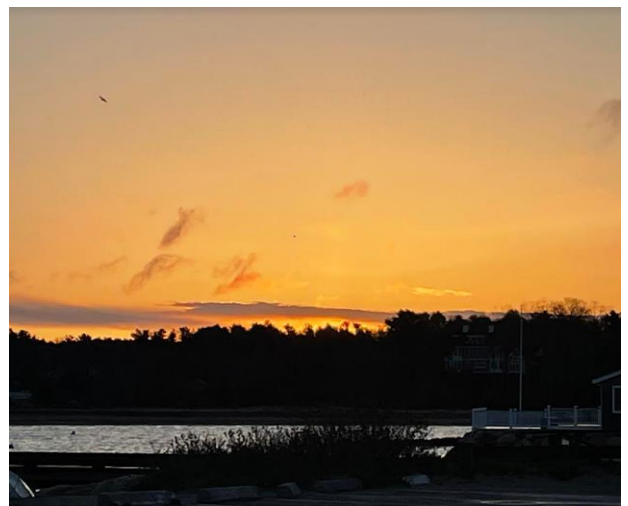
**“The Seven Last Actions”**



**Thank you to our readers Sarah Bach  
& Melessa Fox.**



**The Sunrise Service 5:45 a.m. with both  
a full moon and sunrise.**





*Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> "Celebrate Spring"*



**The 10 a.m. service the lovely altar plants and the flowering of the cross.**



**Faith Duffy aka the Easter Bunny.**



**Fun Easter Hats were made!**





**Pansies were planted and hats decorated to take home.**



**The beautiful, Ukrainian style eggs painted by Carolee.**



## **Outreach News**



**THANK YOU!!** The response to the list of needs for helping the displaced Ukrainians was amazing!



**Other opportunities for helping Ukrainians are still being held.**



- NFCC supplied items for school kits in partnership with the North Falmouth Elementary School. Outreach used some of your generous gifts of money to purchase some of the supplies.
- NFCC is partnering with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for a dinner fundraiser on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Polish supper to go!



- In honor of Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, April is clean-up, plant something month! Watch for an opportunity to participate.

## Upcoming Events

*Thank you NFCC*

**Housing Assistance**

**walk for HOPE**  
housing is the foundation

March 21, 2022

Rev. Christina Williams  
North Falmouth Congregational Church  
PO Box 403  
N Falmouth, MA 02556-0403

Dear Rev. Williams,

On behalf of Housing Assistance and the clients we serve, thank you for your recent donation of \$200.00 to support Lin Rohr in Housing Assistance's Walk for HOPE.

Last year, Housing Assistance helped over 6,000 Cape Codders, including seniors, families with children and our local workforce. Housing Assistance offers a full continuum of housing programs throughout Cape Cod and the islands that are focused on:

- Reducing and preventing homelessness;
- Promoting self-sufficiency and empowerment and;
- Increasing the region's affordable and attainable housing inventory.

Housing Assistance is grateful for the support from donors like you who allow us to give our clients HOPE. Your donation helps give children a place to call home. Your support provides young people with housing stability. Your generosity ensures seniors can age in place.

Thank you again for making a difference in your community! Your generosity is building a strong future for all of us on Cape Cod and the Islands!

Sincerely,  
*Catherine Clark*  
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Endless thanks!

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**A TAKE OUT POLISH DINNER TO BENEFIT THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 4 – 7 pm**

**Registration/Orders Closed**

**NORTH FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
155 Old Main Road, North Falmouth, 508-563-2177

**SPRING PLANT SALE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 14, 9 a.m. – Noon**  
(Rain date Saturday, May 21)

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**THRIFT SHOP SALE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 14, 9 a.m. - Noon**

**A Baby Center**

Physical: 81 Willow Avenue, Hyannis, MA. 02601  
Mailing: 320 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. 02601  
Phone: 508-771-8157  
Email: [ababycenter@capecod.org](mailto:ababycenter@capecod.org)  
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April 13, 2022

Dear Friends at North Falmouth Congregational Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of diapers, wipes, children's clothing and women's feminine products! We are so appreciative of your support! Last year we served over 4,100 babies by providing tangible items, which include not only the items previously mentioned, but also new car seats, new and gently used clothing, potty training kits, baby layette kits, and Christmas bags. We have estimated that we have saved each of our families \$2,015.00 during the course of the year! None of which would be possible without the assistance of generous supporters such as yourself.

To learn more about what we do, and other ways in which you can become involved in our mission, or to just simply stay up to date with all the exciting ways in which we support our local families, please visit our website at [www.ababycenter.org](http://www.ababycenter.org), connect with us on Facebook, or join our email list by sending an email to [abccprogrammanager@gmail.com](mailto:abccprogrammanager@gmail.com). We look forward to connecting with you!

Warmest Regards,  
*Kelly Lerch*  
Robin Hayward, Director - A Baby Center  
Kelly Lerch, Program Manager - A Baby Center

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## The Altar Committee

The 2022 Flower Calendar is up on the door near the church office. Please take a look and select any dates that are special to you for dedicating flowers. Please contact Marsha Martin to make arrangements. [willmart41@comcast.net](mailto:willmart41@comcast.net)



## Southern New England Conference

United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

### Daily Lectionary Scripture References – April 2022 (Year C)

**Fri., Apr. 1**  
Psalm 126  
Isaiah 43:8-15  
Philippians 2:25–3:1

**Sat., Apr. 2**  
Psalm 126  
Exodus 12:21-27  
John 11:45-57

**Sun., Apr. 3**  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

**Mon., Apr. 4**  
Psalm 20  
Exodus 40:1-15  
Hebrews 10:19-25

**Tues., Apr. 5**  
Psalm 20  
Judges 9:7-15  
1 John 2:18-28

**Wed., Apr. 6**  
Psalm 20  
Habakkuk 3:2-15  
Luke 18:31-34

**Thurs., Apr. 7**  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Isaiah 53:10-12  
Hebrews 2:1-9

**Fri., Apr. 8**  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Isaiah 54:9-10  
Hebrews 2:10-18

**Sat., Apr. 9**  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Leviticus 23:1-8  
Luke 22:1-13

**Sun., Apr. 10**  
*Palm/Passion Sunday*  
**Palms:**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Luke 19:28-40  
**Passion:**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14–23:56 or  
Luke 23:1-49

**Mon., Apr. 11**  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
John 12:1-11

**Tues., Apr. 12**  
Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 12:20-36

**Wed., Apr. 13**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 13:21-32

**Thurs., Apr. 14**  
*Maundy Thursday*  
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Fri., Apr. 15**  
*Good Friday*  
Isaiah 52:13–53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1–19:42

**Sat., Apr. 16**  
*Holy Saturday*  
Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations  
3:1-9, 19-24  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66 or John  
19:38-42

**Sun., Apr. 17**  
*Easter*  
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah  
65:17-25  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or  
Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-11

**Mon., Apr. 18**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Joshua 10:16-27  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

**Tues., Apr. 19**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a  
Revelation 12:1-12

**Wed. Apr. 20**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
2 Samuel 6:1-15  
Luke 24:1-12

**Thurs., Apr. 21**  
Psalm 150  
1 Samuel 17:1-23  
Acts 5:12-16

**Fri., Apr. 22**  
Psalm 150  
1 Samuel 17:19-32  
Acts 5:17-26

**Sat., Apr. 23**  
Psalm 150  
1 Samuel 17:32-51  
Luke 24:36-40

**Sun., Apr. 24**  
*Second Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 5:27-32;  
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm  
150; Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

**Mon., Apr. 25**  
Psalm 122  
Esther 7:1-10  
Revelation 1:9-20

**Tues., Apr. 26**  
Psalm 122  
Esther 8:1-17  
Revelation 2:8-11

**Wed., Apr. 27**  
Psalm 122  
Esther 9:1-5, 18-23  
Luke 12:4-12

**Thurs., Apr. 28**  
Psalm 30  
Isaiah 5:11-17  
Revelation 3:14-22

**Fri., Apr. 29**  
Psalm 30  
Isaiah 6:1-4  
Revelation 4:1-11

**Sat., Apr. 30**  
Psalm 30  
Genesis 18:1-8  
Luke 14:12-14