

# WELCOME TO THE PACKANACK COMMUNITY CHURCH

*"Putting God's Love In Motion"*

120 Lake Drive East, Wayne, NJ

July 19, 2020  
10:00 AM  
SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



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*Like a field ready for harvest, our lives  
bear the marks of God's love and care.*

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## PRELUDE

Meditation on AR HYD Y NOS

Daniel Mullens  
Welsh folk song, c. 1784

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of growth and new beginnings,  
enter into the struggles of our lives.  
Nurture our souls, that we may be  
fertile ground for wisdom and love  
to spring forth in our lives.  
Dwell within us, that we may have  
strength of purpose to live out  
your calling each and every day.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

*The Parable of the Weeds*

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36**

<sup>24</sup>Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup>When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup>"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>"An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' <sup>29</sup>"No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

## SERMON

**Growing Together**

Rev. Bernd Weishaupt

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

In The Bulb There Is A Flower

Daniel Mullens

Natalie Sleeth (1930- 1992)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Lord, in Your Mercy,  
**Hear Our Prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

**Creator and creative God,  
thank you for entrusting us  
with your abundance.  
Plant in us seeds of generosity,  
that we may nurture your world  
and spread your grace.  
Bless these gifts,  
that they may be planted in places  
where hope grows dim  
and where your children groan with need.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Daniel Mullens

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*\* If you can do so comfortably, you are invited to stand for these portions of the service.*

**OUR MISSION**

The Packanack Community Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ called to "Put God's Love in Motion" by living our faith beyond the walls of our Sanctuary.

We seek to help one another discover our God-given gifts so  
we can have greater meaning, purpose and direction in our lives.

We work to bring hope, peace, joy and love to other people through ministries of mercy and justice with a spirit of gratitude for all our blessings and a vision of caring for one another's needs.