

# WELCOME TO THE PACKANACK COMMUNITY CHURCH

*"Putting God's Love In Motion"*

120 Lake Drive East, Wayne, NJ

July 12, 2020  
10:00 AM  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*Created to create, we are all seeds of God,  
children called to give birth to nations of love and worlds of hope.*

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## PRELUDE

Daniel Mullens

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

**Creator and creative God,  
plant us on solid ground.  
Nurture us with your wisdom and grace.  
Birth in us the hope of your kingdom,  
that we may go forth as your children,  
planting hope and love  
throughout your world. Amen.**

## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear."

<sup>18</sup> "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

**SERMON**  
**Sower and the Seeds**

Rev. Bernd Weishaupt

**SOLO**

Daniel Mullens

**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**

Gardener God, transform our offering  
into blessings for the world.  
Use our gifts to grow your love.  
Use our lives to grow your presence in the world.  
Use our compassion and kindness  
to grow your mercy and grace,  
that all may experience soul-nourishing soil  
through our church and our ministries. 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.