

# WELCOME TO THE PACKANACK COMMUNITY CHURCH

*"Putting God's Love In Motion"*

120 Lake Drive East, Wayne, NJ

September 13, 2020  
10:00 AM  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
POWERFUL HOPE



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*Loving God, be with us as we go forth.  
Help us welcome the weak and make paths for the wayward.*

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## PRELUDE

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Daniel Mullens  
Jill Jackson-Miller/ Sy Miller

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of redemption and rescue,  
part the waters that overwhelm us.  
Save us from floods of worry and confusion  
that would keep us from following your paths  
and moving forward in faith.  
Show us your powerful hand, that we might journey with you  
as people of your powerful hope;  
as children of your gracious forgiveness,  
and as heirs of your accepting love. Amen.**

## THE BOOK OF EXODUS

**Exodus 14:19-30a**

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, <sup>22</sup>and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. <sup>24</sup>During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup>He jammed[a] the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." <sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." <sup>27</sup>Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup>That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians...

**VIDEO AND DISCUSSION**

Darlene Wade

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Open My Eyes, Lord

Daniel Mullens  
Jesse Manibusan

**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**

**Receive the gifts we return to you now  
that they may become the gift of hope to a world in despair.  
Receive our very lives as instruments of your grace,  
that we may become the gift of love to a world full of people in pain.  
Receive us, redeem us, reclaim us, O God;  
that we may be your people—  
a people of promise and hope.**

**\*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Fantasia on LLWYN ONN ("The Ash Grove")

Daniel Mullens  
Welsh folk song

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

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS MORNING: DARLENE WADE**

**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.