

WELCOME TO THE PACKANACK COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Putting God's Love In Motion"

120 Lake Drive East, Wayne, NJ

August 2, 2020
10:00 AM
NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

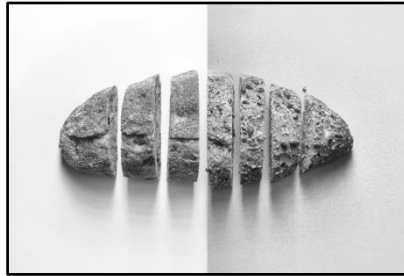


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"Where there is no struggle, there is no strength." ~ Oprah Winfrey

PRELUDE

I Am The Bread of Life

Daniel Mullens
Sr. Suzanne Toolan (b. 1966)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**God of our hopes and dreams,
we are empty and long to be filled;
we are hungry and long to be fed;
we are lost and long to be found.
Gather us into your love,
and pick up the pieces of our lives.
Call us anew to eat our fill
and find our true nourishment in Jesus,
the bread of life and hope of the ages. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸"Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

God's Abundance

Rev. Bernd Weishaupt

MUSICAL OFFERING *(with apologies to The Proclaimers...)*

5,000 Men

Daniel Mullens
arr. Mark Bradford/ onewayuk.com

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**

**Compassionate God, bless the gifts
we offer with your grace.
May they become loaves of bread
for those who are hungry,
and guiding lights
for those who are lost.
May they become signs of hope
for those in despair,
and symbols of love
for all to know.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

Daniel Mullens

** 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.