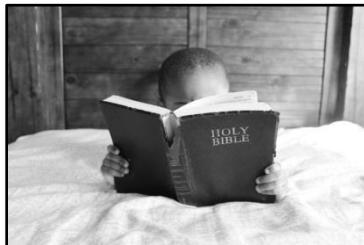


WELCOME TO THE PACKANACK COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Putting God's Love In Motion"

120 Lake Drive East, Wayne, NJ

August 23, 2020
10:00 AM
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



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Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth.

PRELUDE

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Daniel Mullens

Naida Hearn (1931- 2001)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, our help and our hope,
be with us this day.

Reveal your presence to us,
that we may know who you are.

Give us the faith and confidence to answer your question:
"Who do you say that I am?"

Grant us the courage to shout a faithful response,
and help us move forward with the saints. Amen.

Exodus 1:22-2:10

²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

²Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter

answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON

Names and Knowledge

Rev. Alice Batcher

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

**Christ Jesus, guide us as your people.
Help us use the gifts you have given to us,
that we might be instruments
of your love and grace here on earth.
Amen.**

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"POSTLUDE"

Improvisation on CORONATION

("All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name")

Daniel Mullens

tune: Oliver Holden (1765- 1844)

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

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GUEST PREACHER THIS MORNING: REV. ALICE BATCHER

A graduate of Union Theological Seminary in NYC, Rev. Alice was ordained by the American Baptist Churches USA. Later she sought privilege of call with the United Church of Christ. Alice has served as a local Pastor, and has done much Pulpit Supply for UCC and Presbyterian churches on Long Island and New Jersey. For the last year and a half, Alice's weekday job has been as a Hospice Chaplain in Southern New Jersey. When not at work, Alice has been primarily sheltering in place with her two little dogs.

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.