

WELCOME TO THE PACKANACK COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Putting God's Love In Motion"

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*"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light."
~ Helen Keller*

PRELUDE

Love Me Tender (1956)

Daniel Mullens

melody ("Aura Lee"): George Poulton (1828- 1867)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Even in the midst of apparent tragedy,
God is at work, preserving a remnant... Thanks be to God.
Even in the midst of apparent rejection,
God is at work, saving the faithful... Thanks be to God.
Even in the midst of apparent insult,
God is calling us to stand up for ourselves
and those we love... Thanks be to God.
God challenges us to look beneath our differences
and live together in unity... Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew 15:10-28

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. ¹¹What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them." ¹²Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" ¹³He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵Peter said, "Explain the parable to us." ¹⁶"Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷"Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

²¹Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." ²³Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged

him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁷"Yes, it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." ²⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

SERMON

Rev. Bernd Weishaupt

Faith Changes Us

MUSICAL OFFERING

Can't Help Falling In Love (1961)

Daniel Mullens

Peretti/ Creatore/ Weiss

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**

**When our dreams are your dreams, Holy One,
the world is truly blessed.**

**Accept these gifts as tokens of our dreams, and yours,
that all may be one. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

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

"POSTLUDE"

All Shook Up (1957)

Daniel Mullens

Blackwell/ Presley, "arr." 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.