

WELCOME TO THE PACKANACK COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Putting God's Love In Motion"

120 Lake Drive East, Wayne, NJ

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10:00 AM
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
CELEBRATION OF SONG



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"Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come."

~Henri Nouwen, The Sabbatical

PRELUDE

Meditation on O WALLY WALLY

Daniel Mullens

Folk song from the British Isles

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we sing your songs of praise, rejoicing in your love.

We know that when we gather, you are here with us.

Build us into a faithful community—

a community that cares for one another and listens to one another in love.

Living your law of love, help us follow you onto new paths. Amen

The Book of Psalms

Psalm 149: 1-5

¹Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people. ²Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. ³Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp. ⁴For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory. ⁵Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

From the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 13:8-10

Love Fulfills the Law

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

SERMON

Rev. Robert Chase

Fulfill the Law

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Gift of Love/ When I Survey

Daniel Mullens

text: Hal Hopson/ Isaac Watts, arr. 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**

**God of light and love, you provide all that we need.
As first you gave the gift of life and love to us, so now we bring our gifts to you.
May they reflect the love and concern we have for our neighbors.
May they represent our commitment to build communities of freedom and hope. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

Daniel Mullens

** 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. ROBERT CHASE

Rev. Robert Chase is a Fellow at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and International Relations. Prior to his current position, he served for ten years as Founding Director of Intersections International, a global initiative of the Collegiate Church of New York. Throughout his tenure, Intersections used innovative and engaging methodologies to address urgent fractures in our world: bridging the military/civilian divide; healing the rift between the Muslim and non-Muslim worlds, working for LGBTQ justice and using the arts as an instrument of social change.

Before Intersections, Bob served as Director of Communication for the one million-member United Church of Christ; and was Founder and President of Creative Connections in Media, a full-service communications company based in Rhinebeck, NY. He is an author, playwright and award-winning video producer/director with more than 100 productions to his credit. He served as Youth Minister at the Packanack Community Church from 1971-1974.

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.