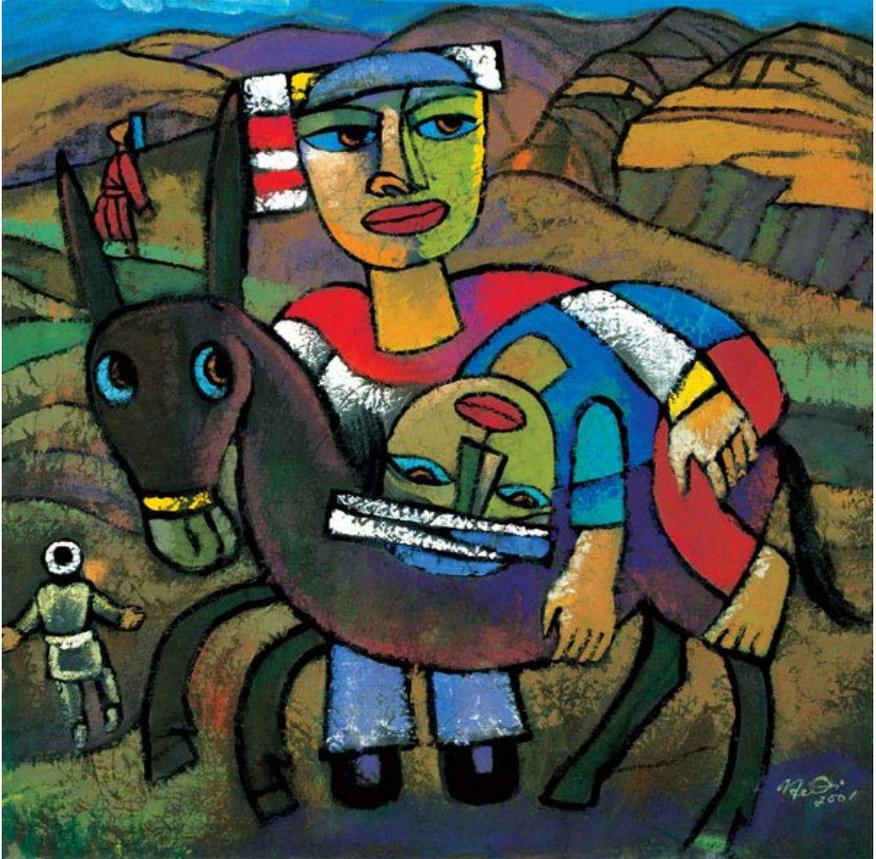


The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

Founded in 1665

10 July 2016

10 o'clock in the morning



He Qi earned a doctorate in religious art from Nanjing Art Institute, studied medieval art in Hamburg, Germany, and was a professor of Christian Art at Nanjing Theological Seminary before moving to St. Paul, Minnesota in 2004. He Qi's art is influenced by the simple and beautiful artwork of the people in rural China. He Qi prefers bold colors, embellished shapes and thick strokes. His work is a blend of Chinese folk art and traditional painting technique with the iconography of the Western Middle Ages and Modern Art. More of his art can be found at www.heqiart.com.

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership, and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

We warmly welcome you to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. Immediately following worship, all members are urged to remain in the Meetinghouse to act upon the Associate Pastor candidate nomination. Please join us after worship for our Community Hour in the Memory Garden.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand.

PRELUDE
Rigaudon

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organist
André Campra (1660-1744)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Please sign and pass the red visitor pad found at the end of your pew, noting the names around you so you may greet each other following worship.

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Avery Manchester

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

**People: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: What does God command of us?

**People: To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,**

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**People: But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**People: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at
First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH

CHORAL INTROIT

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 15

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, rescuer of the weak: given every reason to judge us, you seek justice for us. You stand with the poor in the ditches where we have discarded them. Jesus Christ, Word of Truth: you will not pass us by, but stoop to lift us up and carry us out of our pain. You love and send us forth to carry mercy to others. Holy Spirit, giver of mercy: you carry hope in your mouth and breathe it into our souls. You take us by the hand, leading us out of the ditches we have dug for ourselves into the brightly lit streets of the kingdom. You pray for us in every moment, especially when we are unable to pray for ourselves.

God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying,

LORD'S 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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, children will leave with
Rosemary for Church School – Summer Faith.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Enid Norris

Deuteronomy: 30:9-14

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

From New Revised Standard Edition

ANTHEM

The Summer Choir

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)

Thomas Woodman, bass

SECOND LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest

was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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SERMON

At Your Best

Rev. Patrick Collins

HYMN

Called as Partners in
Christ's Service

New Century (black)
Hymnal 495

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Richard DenUyl, Jr.

CALL TO OFFERING

Pam Grunow

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Sarabande

Gordon Young (1919-1999)

***DOXOLOGY**

New Century (black) Hymnal 779

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter, One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 355

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Flourish

Gordon Young

This morning's flowers are in honor of Judy Carey, given by Bob Carey, Libby Callaway, and the Carey children.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday in the Preschool classrooms. Your children are always welcome in child care for the entire worship service or for a respite time if needed.

We also now have two rows in the back of the chapel reserved for parents with infants or little ones who are not ready for the Nursery where the parents can be comfortable and still be part of worship.

Please see an usher if you need help finding either of these locations. Child care remains available at the 10:00 am service every Sunday for babies through 4 years old.

The 10:00 am Service is broadcast live each week on WGCH 1490 AM Radio. In addition, the service is available through the church's website: www.fccog.org. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Church School – “Bible Stories at the Beach” & “Summer Faith”

“Summer Faith” is a multi-age program during the **10 a.m. worship**, for children ages 5-10. Children 3 and 4 years old are welcome in child care or in Summer Faith depending on the number and ages of children. For safety considerations, we need to be mindful of the age range of children together. We also need to have two adults with each group at all times. Volunteers are welcome to check with Rosemary

to see if there is a need. We look forward to seeing your children anytime during the summer that they can be here! Also, at **8 a.m. at Greenwich Point**, right outside the Innis Arden Cottage, you will find children of all ages singing, hearing bible stories, playing games with the parachute and learning to appreciate God's creation as part of "First Church Bible Stories at the Beach" summer program. Very young children are welcome to join in if they have an adult or teen companion so that we have one to one coverage for children under the age of 4. Upcoming sessions are: July 17, 24, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28, and Sept 4.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following worship in the Memory Garden during Community Hour. During the week, she is available by appointment, which can be made by calling extension 21.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, July 10: See Manager Leanne's 50% off sales for the week at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/

Friday, July 15: The RR closes at 3:00 pm Fridays through July 29

Saturday, July 16: LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 22.

Monday, July 25 - Tues, July 26 - Wed, July 27: ALL merchandise will be 50% off.

THE RUMMAGE ROOM'S FAMOUS BAGS SALES

July 28: \$12 per bag - July 29: \$8 per bag - July 30: \$1 per bag.

SATURDAY, JULY 30: The Rummage Room will close at 1:00 pm for cleaning and restocking in August. Donations will be accepted again on August 23 at 9:30 am. Wish List for the Grand Reopening: Good bric-a-brac, jewelry; handbags; fall and winter clothing, and framed art work.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND: THE RUMMAGE ROOM'S 52ND GRAND REOPENING 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The RR has given over 5 million dollars for those less fortunate. Every time we shop or donate, we become someone's reason to smile. Thank you.



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Transitional Associate Pastor: Rev. Meghan D. Young

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Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

Director of Church Administration & Finance: Steve Summerton

Administrative Assistant - Operations: Donna White

Director of Membership: Ginny Breismeister

Parish Nurse: Susan Asselin, RN

Director of Preschool: Darla Kohler Steiner