

*Old Greenwich,
Connecticut*

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF GREENWICH

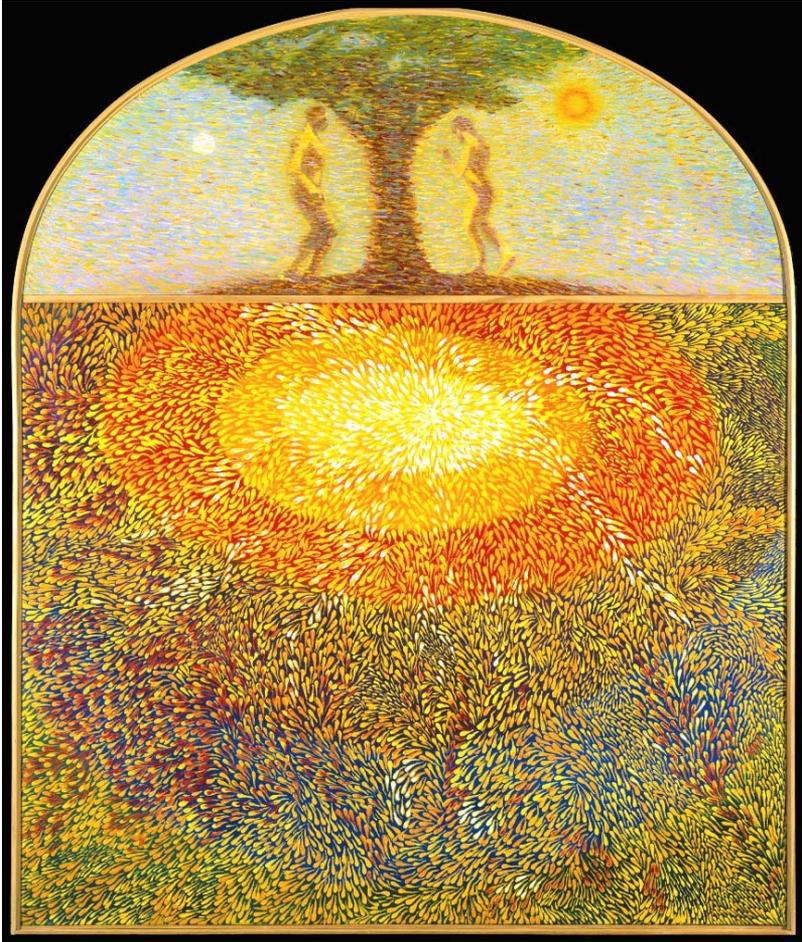
*United Church
of Christ*

Founded in 1665

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

12 October 2014

10 o'clock in the morning



Adam and Eve – The Sparks

Painted by Janet Shafner (1931-2011)

Other works by Janet Shafner with commentaries
may be seen on her website: janetshafner.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.*



Welcome to The First Congregational Church of Greenwich!
May you be so blessed during this service of music, prayer and
word that upon leaving this place you may be a blessing to others.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

**All who are able please stand.*

WELCOME

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

Please sign and pass the red book.

PRELUDE

Dr. Craig Scott Symons, organ

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A new day has dawned. The gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People: Praise God for today. Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.

Leader: Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

People: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's word.

Leader: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in church, and every day in the world.

People: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

***HYMN**

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

New Century (black) Hymnal 558

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Owen Victor Miller,

son of Mary Catherine and Nicholas Robert Miller

BAPTISM PRAYER *(in unison)*

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on **Owen** that you will watch over him and guide him as he grows in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of your Holy Spirit. All of this 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.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

New Century (black) Hymnal 325

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

(During the Baptismal Response, the children will leave to go to the Daniels Center for a "Service Sunday" program. Parents should meet their children in the Daniels Center after worship. Please ask an usher if you need directions.)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Virginia Richards

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and
the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you
are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them
with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you
have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the
beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

From New Revised Standard Version

SOLO

My Strength and My Shield

Hanna Golodinskii, soprano

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Sung in Italian (translation)

My shield and my defense, to save me and protect me.

His hope rests in my heart and

my salvation is found in him evermore.

SECOND LESSON

Stuart McCalley

Genesis 2, 3
(selected verses)

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there
he put the man whom he had formed. And the Lord God

commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Later that day, at the time of the evening breeze, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,

and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

From *New Revised Standard Version*

***HYMN**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

New Century (black) Hymnal 12

1st verse: All

2nd verse: Women

3rd verse: All

4th verse: Men

5th verse: All

SERMON

East of Eden

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr.

RESPONDING TO GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

Alleluya Psallat

The Chancel Choir
William Mathias (1934-1992)

Alleluya. Alleluya psallat haec familia.

Alleluya timpanizet.

Alleluya citharizet.

Alleluya psallat haec familia.

Alleluya psallat laetus coitus cum armonia.

Alleluya concinat Deo laude et praeconia.

Alleluya!

Alleluia Alleluia, sings this merry company.

Alleluia, strike the cymbals.

Alleluia, sound the zither.

Alleluia, sings this merry company.

Alleluia, sing together now in joyful harmony.

Alleluia to God the Father praise and honor ever be:

Alleluia!

***DOXOLOGY**

Pilgrim (red) Hymnal 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

***HYMN**

O, My Soul, Bless Your Creator

New Century (black) Hymnal 13

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Ellacombe*

Craig Symons

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Auditorium following the worship service.

Flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in honor of Barbara Van Buren's many years of dedicated service to First Church.

Flowers are also given this morning in celebration of the baptism of Owen Miller by the Olsson and Miller families.

In addition, this morning's live radio broadcast is sponsored by Barbara Van Buren's family in celebration of her 97th birthday and in appreciation of all that First Church provides.

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. On Church School Sundays, we also have a class for 3 and 4 year olds during the entire 10:00 am service. Please see an usher if you need directions to child care or Church School.

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.

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today is a *Service Sunday* when our children gather in a multi-age group in the Daniels Center to learn about a need in the community and to do a project that addresses the need. Today we are learning about some of the needs of our elderly neighbors at Pilgrim Towers in Stamford. Our project will be making crafts for the Halloween Party the 4th and 5th graders (and anyone else who like to join us) will be attending on *Sunday, October 26* after Church School. Children 5 and older are welcome to join us. Young people 10 and older can serve as helpers to our younger ones. Regular Church School classes will resume next Sunday, October 19.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, R.N. is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations in Room 203 following today's Worship Service.

Children and Youth Choir Rehearsals

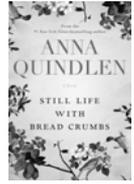
There are **no** choir rehearsals today.

THIS WEEK

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow,
Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day.

***Hats Off* Book Discussion Group**

Hats Off will begin its second selection of the fall with *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen this **Thursday, October 16** in the Lounge from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Please reserve your book with the Greenwich Library or call Jean Bruder at 203-661-1685 to purchase one. Come and join our lively discussion group every Thursday morning!



Celebrating World Food Day

First Church supports the work of Greenwich World Hunger Association and invites you to join in this **Thursday, October 16** as we celebrate World Food Day and draw attention to the Greenwich World Hunger Association projects currently underway in developing countries. *The Harvest Party* will be held at the Tomes-Higgins House, 216 East Putnam Ave., just east of Christ Church on the



same campus, from 6:00 -8:00 pm. Come to hear representatives from the field describe their life-altering projects in developing countries and enjoy some wine and cheese and some inspiring conversation. RSVP to Sally Kao Jackson at 203-918-5282 or sallykao.jackson@gmail.com. For more information,

visit: www.GreenwichWorldHunger.org.

NEXT WEEK

Tom Stiers' Recognition

Join us next **Sunday, October 19**, at 10:00 am as we welcome back Rev. Tom Stiers! Tom began as an Associate pastor here at First Church in 1974 and was then our Senior Pastor from 1977 until 2003. During Tom's tenure he initiated the Pastor's Advisory Committee, the columbarium was added, a new organ was purchased, the Parish Nurse position was created and we adopted a policy of Open and Affirming. Tom is now Pastor Emeritus here at First Church.



We welcome Rev. Stiers back as our Guest Preacher next Sunday and we will recognize the milestone of the 50th Anniversary of his

Ordination. A special occasion, indeed! There will also be a celebratory Coffee Hour following the worship service.

Nights Off Women's Group

Nights Off will be meeting the evening of *Monday, October 20*, 6:30 pm, at the home of Sue McCalley for a Game Night! All are welcome. Bring a long a favorite game to play *and* a new (or almost



new) game to donate. Even something as small as a deck of cards will bring great joy to children and their families. Also, please bring some food to share and whatever you would like to drink. And why not invite

a friend to come along? Sometimes all you need to do is ask! If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Flierl at 203-629-4939 or FBTworld@aol.com.

First Church is Turning 350! Come Join Us!

First Church will be celebrating its 350th anniversary in 2015 and the planning has just begun for this yearlong celebration. We met on September 29 for some idea generating. We had a great group join us and the ideas were flowing. Now it's time to narrow the focus and come up with our goals for the celebration. We invite everyone with an interest to come to our next meeting on *Tuesday, October 21* at 6:30 pm in the Lounge. The excitement about this anniversary is building. Come and be a part of it. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Mendelsohn at Patmendelsohn@aol.com, Tamara Ng-Yow at tupham123@gmail.com or Pat Larrabee at patlarrabee@hotmail.com.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Wellness Second Hour – Understanding Medicare

Join us on *Sunday, October 26* at 11:20 am in the Lounge for *Understanding Medicare Benefits* with speaker Linda Ziac, a Certified Case Manager and President of The Caregiver Resource Center in Cos Cob. The detailed rules of Medicare coverage and copays can sometimes be overwhelming. Learn about such topics as hospital coverage, observation status, discharge planning, home care benefits and appealing coverage decisions. This information is invaluable for

people facing care decisions or those helping a parent or loved one navigate the health care system.

New Member Orientation Session

Interested in exploring membership at First Church or know someone who might be? We have the perfect opportunity! We will be holding a **New Member Orientation** session on *Sunday, November 2*, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Senior Pastor's Office. Child care will be available and food will be served. This is an opportunity to learn more about our faith, our church and our denomination, the United Church of Christ. While attending the session is not an obligation to join, if you wish to do so, new members will be received into membership the following Sunday, November 9, during the 10 am worship service. Please RSVP to Ginny Breismeister, Director of Membership at ginnyyb@fccog.org or to Rev. Richard DenUyl, Jr., at richardD@fccog.org or just call the church office at 203-637-1791. While reservations are not required, we would appreciate being able to plan for child care. Drop ins, however, are welcome! You will be entering a fellowship of people who will support you, care for you and pray for you. We hope you will join us.



Bible Study is Back!!

Join us at 11:30 am in the Lounge each Sunday starting *Sunday, November 2* and continuing through *Sunday, December 7* when Rev. Avery Manchester will lead our NEW Bible Study! Come and be a part of it.

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, October 13: Columbus Day and ALL merchandise will be 50% off for the day.

The Halloween Shop has been packed with shoppers buying costumes and decorations. Don't despair as both are still plentiful. Donate yours from last year when you come in to find something 'new' for everyone in your family. *There is 'SPOOKINESS IN THE AIR at The Rummage Room' ... WHOOOOOOO and a great big BOOOOOOO!!!* And don't forget The Rummage Room windows.

Shop Hours: Mon -Fri 10 am-5 pm & Sat 10 am-1 pm.

Donation Hours: Mon -Thurs 9:30 am-4:30 pm & Fri-Sat 9:30 am -12:30 pm.

Maria's Wish List: Baseball glove; double stroller; baby gate; action figures from the '70s or '80s; children's table and chairs; Halloween costumes.

A big thanks to the customers who braved the rain to share in the 50th Anniversary celebration at The Rummage Room, Saturday, October 4th. And thanks to all who participated in the October 5th Sunday morning service, which included Rev. Richard DenUyl's moving, amusing and poetic tribute to those associated with The Rummage Room in the past 50 years.

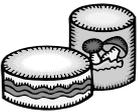
Thought for the Week: *One of the hardest decisions we will ever face in life is choosing whether to walk away or try harder.*

Tai Chi Classes

Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises with our new teacher, Joe Black. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at 8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class. Join us! You can even just drop in. **All are welcome.**

Neighbor to Neighbor – Food Collection

Please remember those in need and donate food items to Neighbor to Neighbor. Items especially needed at this time include: Cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter (regular sized jars please), jelly. **In addition to the donations of food and clothing, Neighbor to Neighbor is always in need of sheets and towels.** Please remember that a collection barrel/bin remains in the back of the Meetinghouse all year long.



First Church Volunteer Day at Neighbor to Neighbor

We will be having a **FCCOG Volunteer Day at Neighbor to Neighbor on November 22.** We need 10 to 12 people to work in the Food Pantry and the Clothing Room. We will also have children making table decorations for their Thanksgiving baskets at the same time. Please contact Rosemary Lamie at RosemaryL@fccog.org for more info or to sign up!

***Come One, Come Y'all
to First Church's
Barn Dance!***

***Saturday, November 1
5:00-8:00 pm
Riverside Elementary School***

*Supper, live music, dancing,
games and fun!*

RSVP by October 24

Visit fccog.org (under News You Can Use)
for more details.



Next Week at First Congregational Church

10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse

Music by:

The Chancel Choir:

Kyrie Eleison by Louis Vierne

In the Year King Uzziah Died by David McK. Williams

Thomas Woodman, bass:

The Call by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Guest Preacher, Rev. Tom Stiers



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Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester

Director of Music: Dr. Craig Scott Symons

Director of Family Ministries: Rosemary Lamie

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Director of Communications: Barbara Wilkov

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Director of Music Emeritus: Dr. John Stansell