

This week's Story of Hope comes from our very own parishioner, Bob McCan. Bob and his wife, Peggy, are long standing parishioners, involved in various groups and ministries at The Falls Church Episcopal, and have been regular participants in the 9:00 am service. For those of you who don't know about Bob and his experience, he was the founder of Meals on Wheels here in the United States. He is also a professor and author.

During this time at home, Bob has been busy writing another book and I feel so thankful that he took the time to share it with me.

What is his new book about? Our Great Affirmation (the current title) studies the vision and approach needed in our society to fulfill the prayer of Jesus, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In other words, what is God's will for His people on Earth, and how do we make this happen here, now?

To address this, Bob focuses on two themes. First, the basic understanding that the world has grown very small, and what happens in one area of the world affects everyone (very timely with the impact of Covid-19). Today, we cannot successfully solve problems separately and piecemeal – we all have to work together. Second, the Christian religion is an aspirational faith which sees a peaceful human race that is living and supporting each other on planet Earth.

So, "What is God's will for his people on Earth?" To live in peace and support of each other; lift each other up instead of tear each other down; respect each other.

What powerful and thoughtful words as we live through the Covid-19 pandemic and the systemic racism in our country. Thank you, Bob, for writing this book and sharing a part of it with me and The Falls Church Episcopal.