



**Hillcrest Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Pleasant Hill CA
Order of Worship**

September 6, 2020

From Beauty to Deeper Truths

**Prelude: “Come Sunday” Variations
Joshua Feltman, Keyboards**

Words of Welcome

News of the Community

Call to Worship

**Sing-Along: “Lord of all Hopefulness” vv. 1, 3 & 4
Led by Blake Levinson**

Prayerful Meditation and Centering

Choral Response: “Look Around” Robynn Tarvins

Prayer of Confession and Absolution

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response: “Look Around” Robynn Tarvins

A Time for Children—Searching for Beauty

Mya Terry

Ritual Action, Rev. Fred Weidmann

(See below for Ritual Action write-up)

Lectio Divina

Psalm 119:33-40

Matthew 18:15-20

Response: “I Love You Lord” (Laurie Klein)

Blake Levinson

Sermo Divina: “Where Two or Three are Gathered...”

Allison Kuechle Silva

Musica Divina: “*Savior God Above*”

Blake Levinson

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson

Sing-Along: “*God of Beauty*” vv. 1-3

Led by Blake Levinson

Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace

Postlude: Variations on “*Riding Out Across the Desert*”

The Gathering

Joshua Feltman, David Kohls, and Hugh Thomas

Ritual Action for the Week of September 6, 2020

On this, the last Sunday of our Summer Season, remember the contemplative practices you’ve learned—to open to the Divine in deeper ways and to train your spirit for the compassion of all things: Mindfully gifting water to living things, sensing the warmth of God’s love, finding beauty in imperfections, opening to the gift of curiosity, seeing beauty in yourself—as you are...May you continue the practices that spoke to you. And remember to take a moment to breathe deeply, to sit in silence and sense the beauty of God’s grace... for the beauty of the earth.” May it continue to be so...

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