

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

June 21, 2020 Father's Day

Beguiled by Beauty Beauty, Contemplation and Radical Compassion

Prelude: "O How Lovely is the Evening" David Kohls
Words of Welcome
News of the Community
Call to Worship

Sing-Along: "For the Beauty of the Earth" NCH 28
Led by Mira Kren

Guided Meditation and Centering

Prayers of the People

Choral Interlude: "Look Around" Robynn Tarvins

Lord's Prayer

Choral Response: "Look Around" Robynn Tarvins

A Time for Children—Searching for Beauty Allison Kuechle-Silva

Ritual Action, Allison Kuechle-Silva (See below for Ritual Action write-up)

Lectio Divina

Ezekiel 31: 3-7 (Inclusive Bible)

Response: "Something Beautiful Something Good" Blake Levinson

Sermo Divina: "Reaching Deeply" Rev. Fred Weidmann

Musica Divina: "O How Lovely is the Evening" Choral Scholars (Traditional German Folksong)

Call to Offering Prayer of Dedication Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson

Sing-Along: "Beautiful Savior" Led by Mira Kren Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace

Postlude: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Rutter) Joshua Feltman

Ritual Action for the Week of June 21, 2020

This series invites us to integrate contemplative practices into our daily lives as a way of opening to the Divine in deeper ways, thereby training our spirits for compassion in all things. This week's ritual action is a time of meditative "watering." Set a reminder to pour yourself and drink a glass of water and then refill that same glass and water some other living thing... offering a glass of water to someone else or to a plant, tree, garden, etc. As you do so, allow your mind to slow, your heart to open, your eyes to drink in your surroundings. You may want to put a note nearby, "Water is life. Water your life so you can water other life... for the beauty of the earth."

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