



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

July 12, 2020

Awakening to Beauty, Falling in Love with the World

**Prelude: “*Sleeping Beauty Waltz*” (Tchaikovsky)
Joshua Feltman and David Kohls**

Words of Welcome

News of the Community

Call to Worship

**Sing-Along: “*I’ve Got Peace Like a River*” NCH 478
Led by Robynn Tarvins**

Prayerful Meditation and Centering

Choral Response: “*Look Around*” Robynn Tarvins

Prayers of the People

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

Psalm 119:105-112 (The Message)

Matthew 13:1-9 (NRSV)

Response: “*Something Beautiful Something Good*” Mira Kren

**Sermo Divina: Your Impact May Be Greater Than You Think
Rev. Kerstin Weidmann**

**Musica Divina: “*We Plough the Fields and Scatter*” (Claudius, Schulz)
Choral Scholars: Robynn Tarvins, Mira Kren & Blake Levinson**

Call to Offering
Prayer of Dedication
Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson
Sing-Along: "Guide My Feet" NCH 497
Led by Blake Levinson
Blessing of the Spirit Pole and Blessing
Invitation to Pass the Peace
Postlude: "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" Reprise. Joshua Feltman

Ritual Action for the Week of July 12, 2020

With each week's message, we will find a way 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 we are asking you to repeat last week's ritual action of taking a moment each day to contemplate your own healing process. You can journal, or take a contemplative moment to fix something you've been putting off for a time. Do this with a prayerful intention. You may want to put a note somewhere in a highly-visible place—"Find beauty within the imperfections of life and accept peacefully the natural cycle of growth and decay. Be reminded to offer grace for imperfections... for the beauty of the earth." We hope that continuing this practice, or perhaps starting it this week, will remind you that you are perfect in God's eyes—even if you can't see your perfection through your own.

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