



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

**July 19, 2020**

***Abyss, Mystery and Wonder***

**Prelude: “How Great Thou Art” Improvisation  
Joshua Feltman and David Kohls**

**Words of Welcome**

**News of the Community**

**Call to Worship**

**Sing-Along: “O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder” NCH 35  
Led by Mira Kren**

**Prayerful Meditation and Centering**

**Choral Response: “Look Around” Robynn Tarvins**

**Prayers of the People, Rev Laura Barnes**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Choral Response: “Look Around” Robynn Tarvins**

**A Time for Children—Searching for Beauty  
Mya Terry**

**Ritual Action, Mya Terry**

***(See below for Ritual Action write-up)***

**Lectio Divina**

**Psalm 135:1-3; 13-21 (Inclusive Bible)**

**Isaiah 58:3-12 (NRSV)**

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

**Sermo Divina: “Beyond Justice”**

**Allison Kuechle Silva**

**Musica Divina: *"Draw the Circle Wide"* (Gordon Light)**

**Hillcrest Virtual Choir**

**Call to Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson**

**Sing-Along: *"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"* NCH 43**

**Led by Blake Levinson**

**Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace**

**Postlude: *"Draw the Circle Wide"* Reprise**

**Joshua Feltman and David Kohls**

**Ritual Action for the Week of July 19, 2020**

**We continue 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 practice of curiosity. Set a reminder to spend some time exploring a "phenomenon" that you don't yet know about. It might be further exploration into what Hubble has taught us about the universe. Or it could be something about the behavior of an animal species. Whatever you choose, as you do so, allow your mind to take in the wonder, contemplate the information slowly, open your heart to wonder. You may want to put a note nearby, "The more we know, the more we know we don't know. Wonder and awe that leads to care of creation is good... for the beauty of the earth."**

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