



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

July 26, 2020

Abyss, Mystery and Wonder

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

Words of Welcome

News of the Community

Call to Worship

**Sing-Along: “God of the Sparrow God of the Whale” vv. 1-3 NCH 32
Led by Mira Kren**

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 119:129-136

I Kings 3:5-12

Response: “Something Beautiful Something Good” Mira Kren

**Sermo Divina: “A Listening Heart”
Rev. Fred Weidmann**

**Musica Divina: “*O Beauty Ever Ancient*” (Murray, Gibson)
Blake Levinson and Mira Kren**

**Call to Offering
Prayer of Dedication**

Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson

**Sing-Along: “*God of the Sparrow God of the Whale*” vv. 4-6 NCH 32
Led by Mira Kren**

Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace

Postlude: “*O Beauty Ever Ancient*” Reprise

Mya Terry, Flute and Joshua Feltman Keyboards

Ritual Action for the Week of July 26, 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 we will continue the practice of curiosity. What “phenomenon” have you been exploring? The universe? Animal behavior? Human behavior? This is an opportunity to go deeper or select something new. Allow your mind to take in the wonder as you slowly contemplate the information. Open your heart to “wonder” as you experience the mystery—that which your mind will never understand. And remember to put a note nearby saying, “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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