



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

**August 2, 2020**

***The Beauty of a World without a 'Why'***

**Prelude: “Lord You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”  
Joshua Feltman and David Kohls**

**Words of Welcome**

**News of the Community**

**Call to Worship**

**Sing-Along: “Praise to the Living God” NCH #8  
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**

**Song of Songs 4:1-7**

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

**Sermo Divina: “Utterly Beautiful”  
Rev. Fred Weidmann**

**Musica Divina: “Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore”  
(Gabarain, Chavez-Melo)  
Blake Levinson and Robynn Tarvins**

**Call to Offering**  
**Prayer of Dedication**  
**Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson**  
**Sing-Along: “Beauty for Brokenness, God of the Poor”**  
**Led by Robynn Tarvins**  
**Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace**  
**Postlude: “Praise to the Living God” Reprise**  
**Joshua Feltman Keyboards**

**Ritual Action for the Week of August 2, 2020**

**This week’s invitation to a contemplative practice based on our message could occur in two ways we’ve experienced already in this worship. You may want to set a reminder to spend some silent time with your palms open on your lap, contemplating further what expectations and messages you are holding about what you “should be.” Imagine them lifted and released. You could also “mirror” the children’s activity by placing a note on a mirror you frequent daily: “Look at you! So beautiful, Dearest. So beautiful. Believe this voice of the Divine Lover... for the beauty of the earth.”**

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