



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

August 9, 2020

The Beauty of a World without a 'Why'

**Prelude: “When the Poor Ones (Cuandro El Pobre)” (Jose Antonio Olivar)
Improvisation and Variations by Joshua Feltman**

Words of Welcome

News of the Community

Call to Worship

**Sing-Along: “All My Hope on God is Founded” (Joachim Neander)
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 2:8-13

Psalm 85:8-13

Response: “I Want Jesus to Go with Me” Blake Levinson

**Sermo Divina: “Arise...And Come Away”
Rev. Fred Weidmann**

**Musica Divina: “Shout to the Lord” (Darlene Zschech)
Hillcrest Virtual Choir**

Call to Offering
Prayer of Dedication
Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson
Sing-Along: “*Spirit of Gentleness*” NCH 286
Led by Robynn Tarvins and Mira Kren
Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace
Postlude: “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*” (Ludwig van Beethoven)
Improvisation by Joshua Feltman Keyboards

Ritual Action for the Week of August 9, 2020

Last week we introduced the practice of self-acceptance; self-love. Maybe you drew a heart on your mirror to remind yourself to see beauty in that person you gaze at every day. Maybe you chose to spend silent time with your palms open on your lap, contemplating, lifting and releasing those expectations and messages about what and who you “should be.” This practice is so very important that, this week, you may want to explore how you can make it a lifetime practice. How would your life change if, every day, you said to that person in the mirror: “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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