



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

August 16, 2020

From Beauty to Compassion and Justice

Prelude: “When Peace, Like a River”

Variations by Joshua Feltman and David Kohls

Words of Welcome

News of the Community

Call to Worship

Sing-Along: “Take My Life and Let It Be” NCH 448

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

Isaiah 52:7-10

Matthew 15:21-28

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

Sermo Divina: “Those Who Keep Watch Raise a Cry...”

Rev. Fred Weidmann

Musica Divina: “Our God Reigns” (Leonard E. Smith Jr.)

Blake Levinson

**Call to Offering
Prayer of Dedication
Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson**

**Sing-Along: “*When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)*”
vv. 1, 4 & 1 NCH 438
Led by Mira Kren & Blake Levinson**

Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace

**Postlude: Variation on “*Our God Reigns*”
Joshua Feltman Keyboards**

Ritual Action for the Week of August 16, 2020

As we have been contemplating the theology of beauty and Divine Goodness, we have been making the connections between the well-being of our souls to the well-being of the whole of earth and all beings. May you continue to use the contemplative practices experienced in this time to cultivate your life of compassion. Hear this quote from Dr. Farley: “A contemplative life can empty us and ready us to become instruments of the Good.... for the beauty of the earth.” May it continue to be so.

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