



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

August 23, 2020

From Beauty to Compassion and Justice

**Prelude: “You Raise Me Up”
Joshua Feltman and David Kohls**

Words of Welcome

News of the Community

Call to Worship

**Sing-Along: “God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” vv 1-3 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
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:13-20
Response: “I Want Jesus to Go with Me” Blake Levinson**

**Sermo Divina: “Be Transformed”
Rev. Fred Weidmann**

**Musica Divina: “You Raise Me Up” (Graham and Lovland)
Blake Levinson**

Call to Offering
Prayer of Dedication
Doxology with Alleluias, Led by Blake Levinson
Sing-Along: “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” NCH 28
Led by Mira Kren
Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace
Postlude: “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” (Rutter)
Joshua Feltman Keyboards

Ritual Action for the Week of August 23, 2020

Throughout the summer we’ve contemplated the theology of beauty and Divine Goodness through these ritual actions. We have seen how connections can be made 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. Remember the 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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