



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

**August 30, 2020**

***From Beauty to Deeper Truths***

**Prelude: “Precious Lord” Variations  
Joshua Feltman and David Kohls**

**Words of Welcome**

**News of the Community**

**Call to Worship**

**Sing-Along: “Precious Lord” NCH 472  
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 105: 1-4, 45b NRSV**

**Romans 12:9-12 NRSV**

**Response: “I Love You Lord” (Laurie Klein)  
Blake Levinson**

**Sermo Divina: “Love From the Center of Who You Are”  
Rev. Laura Barnes**

**Musica Divina: “What Does the Lord Require of You” (Strathdee)  
Mira Kren and Blake Levinson**

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

**Sing-Along: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” vv. 1-3 (Peter Scholtes)  
Led by Mira Kren**

**Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace**

**Postlude: Variations on “They’ll Know We Are Christians”  
Joshua Feltman Keyboards**

**Ritual Action for the Week of August 30, 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 ways in which we love others and treat others and the well-being of our souls and the relationship 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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