

Hillcrest Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Pleasant Hill, CA
Order of Worship
September 13, 2020
RALLY DAY



SACRED EARTH, SACRED WORK
Creation as a Blessing

A way of living within the community of earth that deepens reverence for life, expands cosmic creativity and develops passion for justice and human transformation—we are called to create more goodness, the sacred work of the world.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth – the earth was without shape or form...and God's wind swept over the water...God saw everything God had made: it was supremely good!

Prelude: Instrumental Variations on “*Draw the Circle Wide*”
Joshua Feltman, Keyboards; David Kohls, Guitar

GATHERING AND WELCOMING
Recognizing Inherent Goodness

Words of Welcome

News of the Community

Sing-Along: “*All Praise to You (Stewards of Earth)*” vv. 1&3
Led by Mira Kren

Call to Worship

Prayerful Meditation and Centering

We Welcome New Members

Special Music: “*Draw the Circle Wide*” (Gordon Light)
Hillcrest Virtual Choir

CONNECTING WITH GOD
Befriending the Dark Path

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

BRING GOD'S WORD TO LIVE
Exclaiming the Divine Creation

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-19 (adapted from *The Message*)

Congregational Response: “*Spirit of the Living God*” NCH 283
Led by Mira Kren

A Time for Children Allison Kuechle Silva

Reflection: “God Spoke...” Rev. Fred Weidmann

Special Music: “*Climbing up the Mountain*”
Hillcrest Virtual Choir

Continuing the Acts of the Disciples

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Led by Blake Levinson

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE
Embodying Compassion and Power

Sing-Along: “*All Praise to You (Stewards of Earth)*” (vv. 1&2)
Led by Mira Kren

Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace

Postlude: Instrumental Variations on “*Climbing up the Mountain*”
David Kohls, Guitar; Joshua Feltman, Keyboards