



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

October 4, 2020

St. Francis Day—Blessing of the Animals

World Communion Sunday

***Sacred Earth, Sacred Work*
*Spirit of Compassion***

Prelude: “Shalom” Musical Variations by Joshua Feltman, Keyboards

**GATHERING AND WELCOMING
—RECOGNIZING INHERENT GOODNESS**

Words of Welcome

News of the Community

Sing-Along: “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” vv. 1, 4&5 NCH 17

Led by Blake Levinson and Mira Kren

Call to Worship

Prayerful Meditation and Centering

Blessing of the Animals

**CONNECTING WITH GOD
—BEFRIENDING THE DARK PATH**

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response: “Breathe” (Marie Barnett)

Blake Levinson and Mira Kren

**BRING GOD’S WORD TO LIFE
—EXCLAIMING THE DIVINE CREATION**

Scripture
Psalm 84 vv. 1-4, 11b-12
Matthew 11:28-30
Congregational Response: *"A New Commandment"* (Pulkingham)
Led by Mira Kren

A Time for Children
Allison Kuechle Silva

Special Music: *"Come as You Are"* (Browne)
Mira Kren and Blake Levinson

Reflection: A Pregnant "Pause," A Blessed "Rest"
Rev. Fred Weidmann

Sing-Along: *"God of the Sparrow God of the Whale"* vv. 1-3 NCH 32
Led by Mira Kren

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

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE
—EMBODYING COMPASSION AND POWER

Sing-Along: *"God of the Sparrow God of the Whale"* vv. 4-7 NCH 32
Led by Mira Kren

Blessing and Invitation to Pass the Peace

Postlude: *"Shalom"*
Canon: Blake Levinson
Reprise: Joshua Feltman, Keyboards

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