



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

**November 29, 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

***I Believe Even When...*  
“I Believe in the Sun: Hope for Tomorrow”**

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Words of Welcome  
Carol Sing**

**WE CROSS THE THRESHOLD**

**Call to Worship  
Opening Prayer**

**WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Sing-Along: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vv. 1&2, NCH 116  
Led by Mira Kren**

**WE PROCLAIM**

**Children’s Time to Shine Allison Kuechle Silva**

**Isaiah Scripture Reading  
Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 (CEB)**

**The Witness of Music: “I Believe, Even When” (Mark A. Miller)**

**Gospel Reading  
Mark 1:1-15 (CEB)**

**Reflection: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Rev. Fred Weidman  
Litany of Belief**

**PRAYERS IN THE STILLNESS**

***“In the Stillness”* (Thompson, Miller) Sung by Kerstin Weidmann**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer Response: *“In the Stillness”***

**WE RESPOND**

**Call to Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Doxology, Guest Vocalist Jeanie Simmons**

**WE GO FORTH AND SERVE**

**Sing-Along (Carol of Resistance): *“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”***

**(Longfellow) vv, 1, 4&5**

**Guest Vocalist, Roger McGuinn**

**Blessing**

**Invitation to Pass the Peace**

**Postlude: *“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”***

**Musical variations by Joshua Feltman, Keyboards**

**Some Music provided through SmallChurchMusic.com  
and Worship Design Studio Member Shared Resources**

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