

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

November 27, 2022

First Sunday in Advent



Sacred Time

This year, you are invited to a spiritual journey of seeing ALL things pregnant with the Holy. What could our experience of the Advent and Christmas season be like if we lived it imagining that everything is reflecting the sacred

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Carol Sing

Words of Welcome

Invitation to Pass the Peace

Reflecting the Sacred

WE CROSS THE THRESHHOLD

**Christian Ed & Friends processional
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vv. 1&2**

We are Called

Bell...Silence...Bell

We Respond

“Upon This Moment”

Opening Hymn: *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* vv.1-2 PH 103

Refracting the Sacred

WE PROCLAIM

First Scripture Reading: Romans 13: 11-14 (The Message)

The Word in Music: *“Breathe of Heaven (Mary’s Song)”* (Eagan/Grant)

Gospel Reading: John 1: 1-18 (NRSVUE)

Sermon: *“In The Beginning”*

Allison Kuechle Silva, Pastoral Associate

Solo: *“Carol for Advent”* (Cloniger/Sterling)

Refilling the Sacred

WE PRAY

“Emmanuel”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response: *“Emmanuel”*

Reframing the Sacred

WE RESPOND AND GO FORTH TO SERVE

Stewardship Moment

Call to Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn: *“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”* NCH 117

Sending

Postlude

Joshua Feltman

Interim Minister: Rev. Kim Kendrick

Pastoral Associate: Allison Kuechle Silva

Music Director: Joshua Feltman

Today's Liturgist: Bill Cunningham

Singers: Mira Kren, Blake Levinson, and Others



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