



be **FRIEND**ing

our summer worship series

Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 19, 2022

"TRINITY SUNDAY"

Father's Day

Thank you for joining in this worship service! We hope you will enter in the spirit of worship from wherever you are, and whenever you join. We'll follow this order of worship. You'll have to decide whether to stand () and sit when invited! If you're joining in real time, you can add your comments and/or prayer requests in the comments on our livestream [at this link](#). Words in **bold print** are read together. Words from our United Methodist Hymnal (UMH), The Faith We Sing songbook (FWS) and other sources will appear on screen. We're so glad you're here!*

Gathering Music

Procession

Prayer of the Morning

As Seen Through a Stained Glass Window

Martin

Peterson

Koury

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Thank you for being a friend

Traveled down a road and back again

Your heart is true, you're a pal and a confidant

I'm not ashamed to say

I hope it always will stay this way

My hat is off, won't you stand up and take a bow

Thank you for being a friend
Thank you for being a friend
I wanna thank you
Thank you for being a friend

Andrew Gold, lyrics, *Thank you for being a friend*, 1978

*Opening Hymn *How Good to Be Together* (on screen)

Refrain-How to be good together
How to be good together in honesty
We bless the Christ among us
We bless the Christ among us in you and me

1-We bring our heartbeats
We bring our brokenness
We bring our questions, fears and dreams. *Refrain*

2-We bring our joy
We bring confusion
We bring excitement and disappointments. *Refrain x 2*

*Opening Prayer **You make us for relationship, O God.
Relationship with you, and relationship with one another.
Friendship is a gift you designed into our very being.
Join us this day as we strengthen our connections
with you, with friends and family,
including the friends we don't know yet. Amen.**

Time with Children

A Prayer for Father's Day

We give thanks today...
For fathers who showed up, played and danced,
ran and twirled, taught and learned;
For fathers who kissed boo-boos
and held us in strong arms when we were weak;
For fathers who believed in us and trusted us with our own futures,
even as they taught us how best to live;
For fathers who exhibited the very best of what it means to be men,
and tossed aside toxic masculinity
in favor of a strength in love and empathy;
For fathers who had high standards,
yet deep compassion;
For fathers who taught us rules to live by,
and with integrity lived by these rules themselves;

For fathers who protected us
and sought after our welfare;
For fathers who were never related to us by blood or by law
but stood in as a father figure;
For fathers who were not always present
but by grace came back into our lives.

adapted from Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Martinsville, VA www.fbcmartinsville.com, via re-worship.blogspot.com

Special Music *Standing on the Promises* Joyce Templeman, piano

Scripture Reading Genesis 1.1-5

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message beFRIENDing: God's very nature

Living Friendship A Conversation (and *Challenge!*) with Courtney Dufford, Lead Organizer for AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy)

Call to Prayer *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (UMH 557), stanzas 1 & 3

1-Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

3-We share each other's woes;
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Time of Offering *Imago Dei* (Image of God) (on screen)

Refrain-Imago Dei the image of God is here
Imago Dei the likeness of God alive (x2)

1-Holy because we are of God
We are all of God
Holy because we are of God
We are all of God *Refrain*

2-Siblings because we are of God
We are all of God
Siblings because we are God
We are all of God *Refrain*

We belong to one another
We belong (repeat)

Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (UMH 94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offering Prayer **Holy God, we love because we are made in your image.
We give and serve because we are made in your image.
Use these gifts, Father, in your ongoing work of creation and repair,
as we see and befriend those you have entrusted to us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* (UMH 92)

1-For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2-For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of
light; *Refrain*

3-For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; *Refrain*

4-For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and
mild; *Refrain*.

5-For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love; *Refrain*

6-For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in
heaven. *Refrain*

*Benediction

Postlude

Tocatta in G

Eliot

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, June 19	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream Fellowship Time-Father's Day treats by WE Team
	10:30 a.m.	Garden Presentation
Tues., June 21		Valley View Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wed., June 22	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Sat., June 25	9:00 a.m.	All Church Work Day
Sun., June 26	9:00 a.m.	Worship in Person and Livestream
	1:00 p.m.	UMC Forum

Serving us today: Lee Schott, Pastor; Karen Hutzell, Organist; Carol and Marty Jones, Ushers; Jaden Vega and Kim Tyrrell, Nursery Attendants; WE Team, Fellowship; Emory and Teresa Cleveland, Tech Team; Jaci Vega, Livestream Greeter; Daniel Schott, Song Leader.

ICYMI: Calling All Gardeners: If you are interested in volunteering to till, plant, water, maintain and harvest a vegetable garden west of the church please come to an informational meeting **today, Sunday, June 19** after fellowship time. Phil Smith will present his vision for the garden and providing produce to donate to local food pantries.

Feed the Kids: Bring your food items to support the Mission Team's summer mission focus. Find a calendar on the table near the Giving Tree.

Forum on the Future of the United Methodist Church: With news of a likely split in our denomination, we are offering a time of learning and conversation on **Sunday, June 26** from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Lee, along with Rev. Katie Dawson of Immanuel UMC, will offer an update about how we got here, what's happening now, and what's coming next, with time for your questions and concerns. It's an important conversation we hope you'll join.

Vacation Bible School: Have you been inviting? We're calling all kids, age 4 and up, to join in our Vacation Bible School, **June 27, 28, 29**, from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** each night. The festivities start with supper (!) and include music, drama, crafts, recreation and learning. Please help us spread the word with neighbors, relatives, friends, and strangers! What a great reason to strike up a conversation!