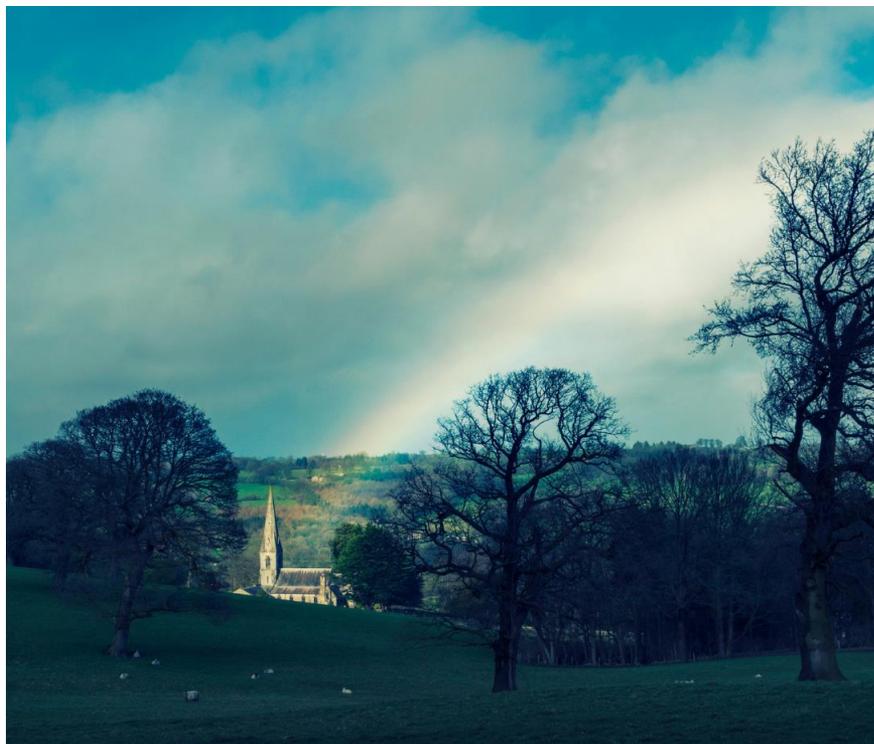

Vale United Methodist Church



“Forever Promise”

February 21, 2021

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

www.ValeChurch.org

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m.

[Facebook.com/groups/valechurch](https://www.facebook.com/groups/valechurch)



United in faith, we seek to...

Align our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.

Invite others to journey with us.

Move beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.

GATHERING

We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

One: From water to wilderness:

Many: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: On stone and in hearts:

Many: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

Many: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

Many: for where he is, we would be also.

Hymn “Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: God's bow has been hung in the clouds – a unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin. God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, we confess our sins.

Many: **God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

One: As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Children's Sermon

Melissa Meadows

Sermon "Forever Promise"

Rev. Drew Ensz

Hymn "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

UMH 605

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 473

"Lead Me, Lord"

Lead me, Lord,
lead me to thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.

Prayers of the People

You may ask for prayer requests via chat. You also may send prayer requests to PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org. After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by “Lord, in your mercy.” Please respond with “Hear our 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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Special Music “Pie Jesu”

Faure/arr. Behnke

Vale Flute Choir

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “Creation Sings”

TFWS 3018

SENDING FORTH

Transformed by God's presence, we go into the world to serve.

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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Hymnal

WS - Worship & Song

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Vale Ministry Opportunities

February 21, 2021

WELCOME FRIENDS! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Whether you are new to the area or a long-time resident, we warmly welcome you to our community of faith at Vale Church!

We look forward to meeting you in person—and hope to see you with us again soon!



Vale UMC is proud to be recognized as a Safe Haven congregation. If you suspect signs of human trafficking, please call 888.373.7888 or text 233733.

Enjoy today's message? - Sermons can also be found on YouTube and Facebook by searching for "Vale United Methodist Church". If you would like a DVD, please let us know.

Church updates - Did you know Vale sends out via email a weekly *Shout* and a monthly *Voice* with church updates? If you are **not** receiving our emails and would like to, please let the Vale office know.

Virtual Lay Readers Needed - We have a need for Virtual Lay Readers. If you and your family would be willing to prerecord a portion of the worship service, let us know. Please contact the church office at office@valechurch.org if you can help.

Vale Music -

Special Music Request -



We are in need of special music each Sunday for the online worship service. Please contact Jan Smith at music@valechurch.org if you would be willing to share your gifts in this way. Singing, playing an instrument, solos, duets, etc. - we'd love to have you participate!

Do you want to support Vale's ministries? Did you know that you can give to Vale online? We use the respected vendor PushPay. You don't have to set up an account and you can designate your offering for a particular mission, program or for the general church funding. Go to <http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch> and see how easy it is. The information is confidential and secure.

If you have any questions or run into any difficulty using PushPay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Brad Geddes, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Give Back While Shopping! It's easy - just Use Vale's Amazon.com Link!

Did you know in 2020, Vale received \$493.68 from Amazon's give back program - AmazonSmile? Thank you for your support in making that possible. If you haven't linked AmazonSmile to your Amazon account yet, it's not too late!

Use the link <http://bit.ly/valeumcshopping> and it will load the Amazon home page that is tied to the Vale refund program. Simply bookmark this site and/or add to your favorites, then every time you want to sign on to Amazon just click on your bookmarked link. Use every time you shop on Amazon!



Social Justice Task Force is hosting their second webinar on Discrimination on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm. Discrimination comes in many different forms: toward people with disabilities, gender identification, immigrants, women, and people who are Black to name just a few. Come hear several members share ways that discrimination has touched their lives and what they hope for a better future. As we begin Lent, we invite you to consider how you might work toward an end of discrimination. Use this link to participate: <https://zoom.us/j/95924672318?pwd=dG96N0hEWERMMElObWtCRVZhd1FDdz09>

Hypothermia Shelter Help -Last Saturday, during the worst ice storm we've had so far this winter, Vale Church was able to feed over 75 guests at a hypothermia shelter in Tysons. We served a delicious dinner of rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, baked pasta (for vegetarians), rolls, cookies and brownies. Special thanks to the wonderful volunteers who risked life and limb to drive on the ice to drive to the store, drop off food donations at church, and thanks also to dessert bakers. The shelter dinner wouldn't have happened without your many generous donations. We hope to be back in person serving shelter guests next year. Thank you!

Returning to in-person worship - As more people are receiving vaccines, we'd like your thoughts on returning to in-person worship. Please help us by completing this short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TRYZK5S>



Women's Lenten Study - Starting Saturday, February 20 at 9 am, we will begin a new study for women. The pandemic has been hard on us spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically. We will spend 6 weeks delving into "The Book of Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. These two spiritual leaders spent a week exploring how to reach inside and find joy, even in the midst of adversity. Come explore ways to find your joy! Class led by Marcia Paulson. Please use the following link to join us <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88424258481?pwd=M1BndkhiSitNNHErM09YTVBlTythUT09> For more information or to register, please contact Joanna Dietz - youth@valechurch.org

Spiritual Adventure for Women Retreat - Are you ready for a new adventure in 2021? Are you looking for ways to travel during the wilderness of Lent? If so, join others on a **Spiritual Adventure for Women** on Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m. to noon via Zoom. The retreat is hosted by the Spiritual Life Center of Virginia with Spiritual Director Joy Crawford, the Rev. Kelley Lane, and the Rev. Lisa McGehee as your guides. The cost is \$20 per person. Register here: <https://www.spirituallifecenterva.org/spiritual-adventure-for-women.html> For more information, contact **Joy** at joy@spirituallifecenterva.org, **Kelley** at kelleylane@vaumc.org, or **Lisa** at lisamcgehee@vaumc.org. The adventure awaits!

Wednesday Bible Study (10:00 am) with Pastor Jeff

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will not meet this week. We are studying, *Jesus in Me*, by Anne Graham Lotz. Books can be purchased via our Amazon link: https://www.amazon.com/Jesus-Me-Experiencing-Constant-Companion-ebook/dp/B07MCRGR77/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=jesus+in+me&qid=1612969926&sr=8-1

Join us via Zoom next week at:

<https://zoom.us/j/95924672318?pwd=dG96N0hEWERMMEIObWtCRVZhd1FDdz09>

If you have any questions, please email Pastor Jeff at Pastor@Valechurch.org.

Contemporary Christian Topics (CCT) Discussion Group with John Colwell

The CCT meet virtually at 9:30 am Sunday mornings.

Below are the Zoom details to join us:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87413660828?pwd=TkttV29QNy9JUEdwSU4xd0ttWEZwZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 1366 0828 Passcode: 023274

Sunday Evening Bible Study (7:00pm) with Vic Larson

Tonight we will begin a six week study by Adam Hamilton *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. You can purchase a copy here

<https://www.amazon.com/John-Gospel-Light-Life/dp/1501805339/>. We will meet virtually on Sunday evenings from 7-8 pm using Zoom. Use this link to join us:

<https://zoom.us/j/367458302?pwd=WmlxT3pFT3FQcmE2ajJyOTBsdlE43QT09>

Children's Virtual Sunday School – Children's Virtual Sunday School is available for Kindergarten through 8th grade. We meet Sunday mornings via Zoom at 10 am. If your child is interested in participating, please email office@valechurch.org.



This Week at Vale: February 21, 2021 – February 28, 2021

Sun, Feb 21

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Children's Sunday School (4th - 8th)
- 11:00 am Youth Group

Tues, Feb 23

- 4:00 pm Youth Group

Sat, Feb 27

- 9:00 am Women's Lenten Study

Sun, Feb 28

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Children's Sunday School (4th - 8th)
- 11:00 am Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

During this time of quarantine, all meetings are held virtually. All worship services and most meetings can be accessed by computer, mobile device or phone (audio only). For virtual meeting access information, send an email to Office@ValeChurch.org.

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