
Vale United Methodist Church



“Covenant of the Heart”

March 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 “Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”

UMH 606

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

Many: **Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

One: Sisters and brothers, may you delight in the joy of your salvation. By the faith of Christ, your sins 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Children's Sermon

Melissa Meadows

Sermon "Covenant of the Heart"

Pastor Jeff

Hymn "Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS 2152

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 365

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!

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

“El Shaddai”

Grant

Sharon Geddes, soloist

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

UMH 357 (vs. 1, 3, 6)

SENDING FORTH

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

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal TFWS - The Faith We Sing
Hymnal
WS - Worship & Song

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

6th Sunday in Lent, March 28, 2021

“The Covenant of Mercy”

Vale Ministry Opportunities

March 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.



Family Tailored Easter Egg Hunts - The Youth will be hosting individual Easter Egg Hunts in yards throughout our area on **Saturday, April 3.**

How can your family participate?

*Fill out the form here <https://forms.gle/DoxsADZb78Vf8Uai9> for your family to participate. We will take your name, address, and number of participants in your egg hunt. (Notice we said participants and not children...)

The youth will come by your home early in the afternoon on Saturday, April 3 to hide eggs in your yard. **You are welcome to have your hunt whenever is convenient that afternoon!

If you do not have willing participants, you may sponsor a hunt in another's yard. ***Fill out the form and we will take your name, the name of the recipient, and all other pertinent information to make this happen.

How else can you get involved? You can also participate by bringing pre-packaged individually wrapped candy (chocolate or non-chocolate) to the church before Palm Sunday (March 28). Please do not bring candy with nuts! Similar to our normal Church Hunts, we maintain a nut-free policy.

Cost: This year we are asking for a \$10 donation per yard. This will become seed money for a youth mission trip in 2022.

Please Note: This event is not just for kids! Know someone who needs a pick-me-up? Sponsor a hunt in their yard and let the fun begin!

**Home must be within a 10 mile radius of the church*

***Plastic eggs will contain chocolate and sweets unsafe for pets/wild animals and could potentially be melty, depending on the temperature that day. Please keep this in mind when planning when to have your egg hunt that afternoon.*

**** Please do check with an adult in the home to ensure the family can participate.*

Hosted by Youth@ValeChurch.org

Spring Clean-Up - While we are all still living with the pandemic, the beds, flowers, and lands of Vale Church continue to grow and bloom. To that end, we need your help! We are having a short, socially distanced spring cleanup at Vale Church on **Sunday, March 28th from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM.**



Please come by with your pandemic mask, gloves, a rake, a wheelbarrow, and a leaf blower (if you have one). We will be raking up the property, doing some seeding, and spreading dirt and mulch over the planting beds. Many hands will make this light work! Questions? Email Eric Koefoot at ekoefoot@gmail.com

Stations of Unity Seek and Find Event - Come seek out our next community scavenger hunt! In today's society, we look to find the things that divide us instead of those that unite us. In light of these challenges, we have created our second Scavenger Hunt to wrap around three major religious holidays. With the beginning of Passover (March 27), followed by Easter (April 4) through the beginning of Ramadan (April 14), we have chosen six scriptures that include an image and meditation for reflection throughout the Vale community. The seventh stop will be back at Vale Church with a labyrinth in the back lot. More information about the route and how to participate will be coming shortly. We hope you find this Seek and Find Event reminds you and your family of how we can embrace diversity while celebrating what unites us.

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

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

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is 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+i+n+me&qid=1612969926&sr=8-1

Join us via Zoom this week at:

<https://zoom.us/j/95924672318?pwd=dG96N0hEWERMMElObWtCRVZhd1FDdz09>

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

During Lent we will be studying the Gospel of John using Adam Hamilton's book, <https://www.amazon.com/John-Gospel-Light-Life/dp/1501805339/>. Everyone is invited to participate. We will meet on Sunday evenings from 7-8 pm virtually using the Zoom code below.

<https://zoom.us/j/367458302?pwd=WmlxT3pFT3FQcmE2ajJyOTBsdE43QT09>

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: March 21, 2021 – March 28, 2021

Sun, Mar 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, Mar 23

- 4:00 pm Youth Group

Wed, Mar 24

- 10:00 am Bible Study

Sat, Mar 27

- 9:00 am Women's Lenten Study

Sun, Mar 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
- 12:00 am Vale Spring Clean-Up
- 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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