
Vale United Methodist Church



“Unity”

April 18, 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.

“Unity”

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*** Opening Prayer**

One: Peace be with you.

Many: How good and pleasant it is when we live together
in unity.

One: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Many: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of
the Lord.

Hymn “O Church of God, United”

UMH 547

*** Prayer of Confession**

One: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Many: **You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

One: We have an advocate with God-Jesus Christ, the righteous one- who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: 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

Psalm 133

Children's Sermon

Melissa Meadows

Sermon "Unity"

Rev. Joanna Dietz

Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

TFWS 2223

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

TFWS 2226

"Bind Us Together"

Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

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

“The Inner Light”
Vale Flute Choir

arr. Sheard

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “We Are God’s People”

TFWS 2220

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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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter, April 25, 2021

“Acorns to Oak Trees”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Vale Ministry Opportunities

April 18, 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

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. You can find the recorded readings at bit.ly/valestationsofunity.

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+i+n+me&qid=1612969926&sr=8-1

Please 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.

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

The Sunday Evening Bible Study is extending our study of John to study the letters of John: 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John which present many of the same themes as the Gospel of John.

For this Sunday if you have time watch this less than 10 minute introductory video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13QkE6nKylM>

Also read 1 John Chapter 1 and 2. After this Sunday for several weeks, our study will include the sermon scripture from Sunday morning (unless Jeff's plans for some reason change).

When you read 1 John chapters 1 and 2, consider three things:

- We don't have a description of what issues this letter is addressing. Based on what the letter says in Chapter 1 and 2 what are the key issues it is addressing?
- If you were going to write a letter to Vale UMC after helping to get our missions started to both encourage and guard against going down the wrong path, what would you say?
- Focus on some of the key words in the first two chapters and what they mean to you: Word, Life, Fellowship, Father/Son/Jesus Christ, Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness, Confession,

Children, Commands, Friends, The World, Antichrist (which actually only appears in the Bible in 1/2 John), Deny, and Liar.

Everyone is invited to participate. Join us tonight 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 on Zoom Sunday mornings at 10 am. If your child is interested in participating, please email office@valechurch.org.

This Week at Vale: April 18, 2021 – April 25, 2021

Sun, Apr 18

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

Tues, Apr 20

- 4:00 pm Youth Group

Sat, Apr 24

- 9:00 am Women's Study

Sun, Apr 25

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 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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