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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “The Widow of Zarephath”

July 18, 2021

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://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: Praise the Lord!

Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

One: Sing praises to God,

Many: **who made heaven and earth,**

One: **who is faithful forever,**

Many: **who gives justice to the oppressed,**

One: **who gives food to the hungry,**

Many: **who sets the prisoners free,**

One: **who watches over the stranger,**

Many: **who cares for widows and orphans.**

One: The Lord will reign forever.

Many: Praise the Lord!

**Hymn “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

**UMH 61**

## **\* Prayer of Confession**

**Lay Reader**

One: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, who lifts up those who are bowed down. Let us humble ourselves and confess our sin.

Many: Lord, forgive us. We are blind to our own brokenness, yet focused on the failings of others. We are deaf to the cries of those who need us, numb to the need of those who hurt. We are silent when words are needed, impotent when action is required. Lord, hear our anguish, pity our brokenness, speak life and forgiveness to our weary souls. Amen.

One: Beloved, Our hope is in the Lord our God, who keeps faith with us forever. God's mercy is everlasting! 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**

**I Kings 17:8-24**

**Children's Sermon**

**Rev. Dietz**

**Sermon "The Widow of Zarephath"**

**Rev. Haugh**

**\*Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454**

## Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

UMH 473

“Lead Me, Lord”

Lead me, Lord, lead me in 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](mailto:PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org). After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by “Lord, in your mercy.” Please respond with “Hear us O God; your mercy is great.”*

### 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**

### **“Forever Reign” Hillsong Worship**

Sterling UMC Worship

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

### **\*Hymn “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**

**UMH 75**

### **SENDING FORTH**

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

#### **\* Benediction**

#### **\* Postlude**

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*\*Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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WS - Worship & Song

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**NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost, July 25, 2021

“A Sign from God”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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## Vale Ministry Opportunities

### July 18, 2021

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Lay Readers Needed** – We have a need for virtual and in-person Lay Readers. If you and your family would be willing to prerecord a portion of the worship service, or read at our in-person service, let us know. Please contact the church office at [office@valechurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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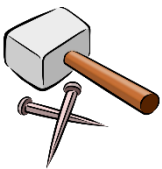
**Do you want to support Vale's ministries?** Did you know that you can give to Vale online? We use the respected vendor PushPay. You don't have to set up an account and you can designate your offering for a particular mission, program or for the general church funding. Go to <http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch> 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, Eileen Koefoot, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)

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**Children's Church** – We invite the children to take a worship packet and work on the activities during worship. They are also welcome to the Children's Corner during worship. Our youngest are invited to go to the nursery, across the hall from the worship space.

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**Kitchen Renovation Survey** – The Board of Trustees is considering making renovations to Vale's kitchen. To help them know what is most needed, please fill out their **anonymous** survey here <https://forms.gle/v8aA4Q9NqBbQE3go8>





## Vacation Bible School and Youth Mission Encounter:

VBS and Youth Mission Encounter are coming very soon on July 26-30!

We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for 5-10 people from a local restaurant for two nights of the Youth Mission Encounter. For more info contact Joanna Dietz at [youth@valechurch.org](mailto:youth@valechurch.org)

Registration is closing soon! Please register for VBS as soon as possible to ensure your place! This [Information Sheet](#) will provide you with more information about both VBS and the Youth Mission Encounter - both occurring the week of July 26-30. The registration also provides ways for you to volunteer to assist during the week of VBS and the Youth Mission Encounter.

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**Vale Youth** – Youth will be meeting on Tuesdays online at 6:00 pm. This Tuesday we will be playing Codenames. For more information please contact [youth@valechurch.org](mailto:youth@valechurch.org). We will not be meeting after worship today.



**Second Story Meals** – Vale UMC provides dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying in the Emergency Shelter in Vienna, VA. Volunteers are needed to cook & deliver - or order take-out & have it delivered - for 4 to 12 people on the dates below.

The meal should include the main course and sides (beverage is provided by Second Story). Dessert is optional, but much appreciated! Jan Feeney will be in touch the week before with details. You can reach her at [jrmfeeney@aol.com](mailto:jrmfeeney@aol.com) or by phone at 571-217-6172 with questions. To register, go to Vale's [SignUp Genius](#) page, found on our website [valechurch.org](http://valechurch.org).

### Dates needed:

July 27th

August 24th

September 28th

October 26th

November 23rd

December 28th

**Re-Opening** – We are trying to balance the safety of everyone (especially our unvaccinated children) while providing an in-person experience. We are committed to maintaining our virtual worship opportunities.

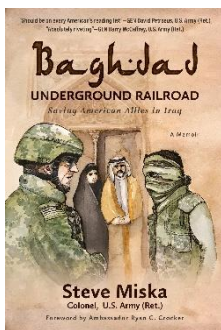
**Phase I (Summer)** - We will maintain our 8:30 Virtual Worship service on Zoom and Facebook.

Beginning on June 20, we have added in-person worship at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall, while continuing the 8:30 virtual service. Please note that we may need to limit the number of people in the Fellowship Hall.

**Phase II (September 12<sup>th</sup>)** -

- 8:30 am Modified virtual service (pre-recorded, with less music)
- 8:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Children’s Music
- 10:00 am Sunday School for All
- 11:00 am Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Children’s activities will be dependent on applicable guidelines. We will pay particular attention to the practices of Fairfax County Public Schools.



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**Book Talk w/ Former Vale Member Steve Miska**

– July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, join Steve for a discussion on why he wrote [Baghdad Underground Railroad](#), a story about helping Iraqi interpreters escape sectarian violence at the height of the Iraq conflict. Learn about current efforts to evacuate Afghan interpreters and participate in Q&A. Steve will sign copies of the book if you bring them. Purchase on Amazon [here](#). Proceeds

support the veteran nonprofit, USVAA. Limited copies available for sale during the event. July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Register for free at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/158252857557> Watch Steve’s CNN interview on the Eventbrite page to learn more about the issue before the event.

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**This Week at Vale: July 18, 2021 – July 25, 2021**

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**Sun, July 18**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

**Tues, June 20**

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Book Talk with Steve Miska

**Sat, July 24**

- 9:00 am Women's Study

**Sun, July 25**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 1:00 pm VBS Meeting and Set-up

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](mailto:Office@ValeChurch.org).

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