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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Teamwork”

September 5, 2021

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://www.ValeChurch.org)

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 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**

**Prelude**

**\* Call to Worship**

**Lay Reader**

One: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Many: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

One: God is a refuge for us.

Many: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

One: Pour out your heart before him.

Many: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

One: Trust in him at all times.

Many: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balance they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

One: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

Many: God is a refuge for us.

**\* Prayer of Confession**

**Lay Reader**

One: Let us come before God, confessing our sins:

Many: Holy God, we confess that we have betrayed the Good News by turning inward, serving ourselves first. We have not taken up our cross and we have been too quick to build up worldly possessions for ourselves. Forgive us for not helping to reveal Christ to the world. Forgive us for not living into Christ’s example and serving those in need before serving ourselves. Draw us back to the way of Christ, so that we might know the reign of God is drawing near. Amen.

One: God is the Creator who calls forth light out of darkness. God is the One who restores the earth after the flood. God is the One who makes all things new. You are made new in Christ. Go and share the Good News of God’s love, forgiveness, healing and restoration. 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**

**Acts 18:1-3, 24-28**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Terri Lowry**

**Sermon “Teamwork”**

**Rev. Haugh**

**\*Hymn “Jesus, United by Thy Grace”**

**UMH 561**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**UMH 641**

**“Fill My Cup, Lord”**

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

**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 our prayer.”*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
    hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
    your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
    now and forever. Amen.

## **Special Music**

**“Living Water” Crocker**

Jan Smith, vocals; Jane Brewer, piano

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

## **THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**UMH 15**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

*In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life,  
together with their children, are welcome to receive communion.*

*Gluten-free elements are available upon request.*

## **Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

## **\*Hymn “Bind Us Together”**

**TFWS 2226**

### **SENDING FORTH**

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

## **\* Benediction**

## **Announcements**

## **\* Postlude**

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

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

## **Children's Church**

We invite the children to take a worship packet and work on the activities during worship at their seats or at the Children's Corner. Our youngest are invited to go to the nursery, across the hall from the worship space.

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### **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost, September 12, 2021

“The Marriage Feast”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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**This Week at Vale: September 5, 2021 – September 12, 2021**

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**Sun, September 5**

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

**Tues, September 7**

- 6:00 pm Youth Gaming\*
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

**Wed, September 8**

- 10:00 am Bible Study\*
- 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Sat, September 11**

- 9:00 am Women's Study (Virtual)

**Sun, September 12**

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

At this time, many meetings are offered in a hybrid virtual and in-person format. Please contact your group leader for specific information, or email the office at [Office@ValeChurch.org](mailto:Office@ValeChurch.org).

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*\* see announcement for details*

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## Vale Ministry Opportunities

### September 5, 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** – As we begin more in-person services, we will have more opportunities to be lay readers. Our September through November sign up can be found on the Vale [Signup Genius page](#), accessible from our website. If you are doing virtual lay reading, you will receive an email with a script and instructions a week before your selected date. If you are reading in person, simply show up at the service! Please contact [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org) for more information.

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**Vale Youth Gaming** – Youth Group will be meeting on Tuesday at 6 via Zoom. We will be playing Gartic Phone! For more information please contact [youth@valechurch.org](mailto:youth@valechurch.org).



**Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund** - The Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti (EMH), led by Bishop Jean-Lesley Dorcelly, sent out a request to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to aid

the people impacted by the earthquake with food, water filters, humanitarian kits, and tarps. In response to this request, Bishop Lewis and our Virginia Conference are asking us to support UMCOR financially.

If you are interested in sending funding to Haiti, we encourage you to give through Push Pay, marking your donation as "Mission: Haiti". We will send the funds directly to UMCOR. You are also welcome to go to the UMCOR website and give from there. We do ask that you check the box that credits your local church. This allows UMCOR to track how our Vale Church Community is involved in mission. The advance number is: #982450

Regardless of how you give, the entirety of your donation will go directly to Haiti.

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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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## 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!



**Help Wanted!** – We're looking for volunteers to help run the A/V equipment on Sunday mornings. Talk to Norm Dietz or Pastor Jeff if you are interested.

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**Sunday School Small Groups** begin on **September 19** at 9:45 AM! We will have groups for children, youth and adults! Registration for children and youth can be found [here](#). Some of the studies include:

"Celebrate Wonder!" (Pre-School and Elementary Children)

"When Christians Get it Wrong" (Youth)

Women's Study

Contemporary Christianity Study

Safe, masked areas will be designated for some of Sunday School's Small Groups. We are exploring hybrid options for those who feel unsafe coming to the church building - please let us know if this option interests you at [youth@valechurch.org](mailto:youth@valechurch.org).

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**Wednesday Morning Small Group** – Join us on Wednesdays at 10am as we study the Psalms. Our book is *Entering the Psalms*. The cost of the book is \$9 and is available on Amazon, Upper Room books, or let us know and we'll order one for you.

We'll meet in-person in the resource room, but a Zoom link will be available.

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**New Schedule Starts on 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 (**beginning the 19<sup>th</sup>**)

9:45 am Sunday Small Groups for All (**beginning the 19<sup>th</sup>**)

11:00 am Worship in the Fellowship Hall

We are watching the rising Delta variant cases and school openings in our area closely. Please refer to our website for any schedule changes. Children's activities will be dependent on applicable guidelines. We will pay particular attention to the practices of Fairfax County Public Schools.

## VALE CHURCH STAFF

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Norm Dietz, Accompanist/Organist

Mary Morran, Nursery Caregiver • Vicky Alonzo, Nursery Caregiver  
Olesya Ellis, Nursery Caregiver

Edilman Robles, Custodian

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## 2021 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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