
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Marriage Feast”

September 12, 2021

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

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: The Lord is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

UMH 715

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: We and our ancestors have sinned. Our ancestors exchanged the glory of God for the image of a golden calf. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt. While our means are different our compulsions are the same. Let us confess our brokenness, for God is merciful and just and will forgive us our sin.

Many: Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference- the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause- an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making- the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

One: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. 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

Matthew 22:1-14

Children's Sermon

Rev. Dietz

Sermon "The Marriage Feast"

Rev. Haugh

***Hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

UMH 560

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 432

“Jesu, Jesu”

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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 “God of love,” 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

“The Lord’s Prayer” Malotte

Shannon Wise, soloist

Blessing of the Offerings

***Hymn “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH 549**

SENDING FORTH

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

*** Benediction**

Announcements

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* TFWS - *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

Altar Flowers – Today’s altar flowers are provided by Tom Feeney in honor of the 41st wedding anniversaries of both Tom and Jan Feeney and John and Linda Potts.

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. Nursery care is provided for our youngest during the 11:00 am service, across the hall from the worship space.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

17th Sunday of Pentecost, September 19, 2021

“The Pearl”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: September 12, 2021 – September 19, 2021

Sun, September 12

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

Tues, September 14

- 10:30 am Vale Book Club*
- 7:00 pm SJTF*

Wed, September 15

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

Sat, September 18

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

Sun, September 19

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person) **NEW**
- 9:30 am Children's Choir (**NEW**)
- 9:45 am Sunday Small Groups (**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.

* see announcement for details

Vale Ministry Opportunities

September 12, 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.

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 for more information.



Small Groups begin September 19! Some of the studies include:

Sundays at 9:45 AM

"Celebrate Wonder!" (Elementary Children)

"When Christians Get it Wrong" (Youth)

"When Christians Get it Wrong" (Women's Study)

Contemporary Christianity Study



Tuesday at 10:30 AM

Vale Book Club: "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah (on Zoom using the worship link)

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM (in person and on Zoom)

"Entering the Psalms" (cost of the book is \$9 and is available on Amazon or Upper Room books)

Saturdays at 9:00 AM (Zoom only)

"When Christians Get it Wrong" (Women's Study)

Please register children and youth for Sunday School [here](#). When you click on the link you will need permission to open. Simply accept the response to contact the link holder and we will release you.

Masks are required for all in person classes. 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).

SJTF Meeting - What is the difference between getting political and acting for humanitarian efforts like caring for the people coming from Afghanistan to the U.S.? When we say Social Justice, what emotions does that bring up? If you are struggling with the church being too political, we invite you to come on Tuesday, September 14th, either in person at 7:00 or on Zoom, to talk about what the Bible says about caring for our neighbor.

Zoom meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98896935222?pwd=emhpSGRUZzIyRXJpOGhWZGY5VmNCZz09>



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

This is the last week to contribute through Vale. However, you can give though UMCOR anytime

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

Vale Youth Gaming - Youth Group will not be meeting this week. Please join us for the SJTF meeting at 7pm.

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.

New Schedule

- 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 19th**)
9:45 am Sunday Small Groups for All (**beginning the 19th**)
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 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!



INOVA Blood Drive - Vale Club, in collaboration with Vale United Methodist Church, have teamed with INOVA Blood Donor Services to host a blood drive on Saturday, October 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. The Blood Drive will be held in the Vale UMC Fellowship Hall. Please invite your family and friends in the Oakton area, as our goal is to have 42 donors in this half-day blood drive. Register here: <https://bit.ly/VUMC2021>

There is no substitute for blood; it can only come from a volunteer blood donor. There is a severe national blood shortage. Currently less than 38% of our population is eligible to donate blood. Donating blood is safe, simple and only takes about one hour. If you are eligible to donate blood, please consider supporting this project

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