
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Pearl”

September 19, 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: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Many: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Many: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Hymn “Woke Up This Morning”

TFWS 2082

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: Sisters and brothers, God never forgets God's promises; God's covenant endures in each new generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

Many: God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.

One: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Please turn to your neighbor and share these words of assurance: "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

Matthew 13:44-46

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Dietz

Sermon "The Pearl"

Rev. Haugh

***Hymn "Seek Ye First" (11:00)**

UMH 405

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

TFWS 2065

"More Precious Than Silver"

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares to 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 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 (11:00)

**“My Sweet Lord/O Happy Day”
Harrison/Doddridge**

Clint O'Brien, Jan Smith, Norm Dietz

Blessing of the Offerings

***Hymn “The Trees of the Field”**

TFWS 2279

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

Lay Readers:

8:30 Bette Rutherford

Virtual Terri Lowry

11:00 Terri Lowry

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.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

18th Sunday of Pentecost, September 26, 2021

“The Rich Man and Lazarus”

Rev. Joanna Dietz

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This Week at Vale: September 19, 2021 – September 26, 2021

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)

Tues, September 21

- 6:00 pm Youth Gaming*

Wed, September 22

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

Sat, September 25

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

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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

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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.

Enjoy today's message? – Services 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.

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

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.

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.

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!



Flute Choir Rehearsal – Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Vale Youth Gaming – Youth Group will be meeting on Tuesday at 6 via Zoom. We will be playing Among Us! For more information please contact youth@valechurch.org.

Small Groups begin today! 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 Christian Topics (Adults, hybrid format – visit our website or contact Stan Ellis for the Zoom link and materials)



Sundays at 7:00 PM (September 26th, in person and on Zoom)

"Courage: Jesus and the Call to a Brave Faith" by Tom Berlin
(available on Amazon)

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

"Entering the Psalms" (available on Amazon or Upper Room books)

Saturdays at 9:00 AM (Zoom only)

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

Contact Joanna Dietz at youth@valechurch.org for the Zoom link

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).

Scouts Flag Retirement – If you have an old American flag in need of retirement, you may leave it in the drop box now located to the right of Vale's entrance. The Scouts will retire them according to the United States Flag Code.

Holy Land Christian Carvings - On October 10, we will be hosting a display of olivewood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem, handmade by Christian families who rely on sales for their daily bread. These carvings will all be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall, with proceeds going to support Christian artisans from Bethlehem. George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem will be standing by the display after all services.

To purchase online, please visit www.holylandcsc.com

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>

New Schedule

- 8:30 am Virtual service (pre-recorded)
- 8:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Children's Music
- 9:45 am Sunday Small Groups for All
- 11:00 am Worship in the Fellowship Hall

We are watching the 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.

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