# Vale United Methodist Church



# "The Rich Man and Lazarus"

September 26, 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



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.

# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost September 26, 2021 "The Rich Man and Lazarus"

#### **GATHERING**

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

#### Welcome

#### **Prelude**

# \* Call to Worship

Lay Reader

One: When they call to me, I will answer them, says the

Lord.

Many: I will be with them in trouble,

One: I will rescue and honor them

Many: With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

# Hymn "God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"

**UMH 108** 

# \* Prayer of Confession

Lay Reader

One: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins,

that grace might bridge, and we might cross, the great

chasm between us.

Many: Dressed in fine linen, we feast sumptuously every

day, while others long to satisfy their hunger. We have Moses and the prophets, yet we remain unconvinced, waiting for some human warning. Forgive us. In your mercy, convince and comfort

us, and lead us to righteousness through Jesus

Christ, our Savior. Amen.

One: Through Christ we are carried away by the angels,

comforted by Father Abraham, our hunger-satisfied, our agony-cooled, and our sins-forgiven. Believe the

good news: 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 Luke 16:19-31

Children's Sermon (11:00) Terri Lowry

Sermon "The Rich Man and Lazarus" Rev. Dietz

\*Hymn "What Does the Lord Require of You" (11:00)

**TFWS 2174** 

**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 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) "Step by Step" Strasser

Adria Hart, soloist

# Blessing of the Offerings

\*Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" UMH 130

#### SENDING FORTH

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

#### \* Benediction

#### **Announcements**

#### \* Postlude

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

Lay Readers:

8:30 Debbie German
Virtual The Deppe family
11:00 Tom Feeney

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand in spirit or in posture.

#### 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**

19th Sunday of Pentecost, October 3, 2021

"The Prodigal Son"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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#### This Week at Vale: September 26, 2021 - October 3, 2021

#### Sun, September 26

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

9:30 am Children's Choir

9:45 am Sunday Small Groups\*

11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person) 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study\*

#### Tues, September 28

6:00 pm Youth Gaming\*

7:30 pm Flute Choir Practice\*

#### Wed, September 29

10:00 am Bible Study\*

8:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

#### Thurs, September 30

1:00 pm United Methodist Women Meeting

#### Sat, October 2

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

#### Sun, October 3

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

9:30 am Children's Choir

9:45 am Sunday Small Group\*

11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study\*

At this time, many meetings are offered in a hybrid virtual and inperson format. Please contact your group leader for specific information, or email the office at Office@ValeChurch.org.

<sup>\*</sup> see announcement for details

# Vale Ministry Opportunities September 26, 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?** - 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 <a href="http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch">http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch</a> 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 Music -

#### Special Music Request -

We are in need of special music each Sunday for the online worship



service. Please contact Jan Smith at <a href="music@valechurch.org">music@valechurch.org</a> 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.

Access Ministries – On October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:30 to 2:30, Floris UMC is hosting a pizza party social for young adults with disabilities and their families. Contact Lauren Soljanyk at <a href="mailto:lsoljanyk@florisumc.org">lsoljanyk@florisumc.org</a> to register and for any questions.

Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>! Bring your furry, scaly, and feathered friends along to sing and celebrate in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. If your pet can't make it, you may also bring a photo.



Fall Festival on October 16 from 11:00-3:00! We will be partnering with Vale Club to provide games, a ministry fair, live music, and many children's activities at Vale Church, as well as an art show, food, and more children's activities at the Vale Schoolhouse. We will need volunteers to assist with children's games and the ministry fair. More information to volunteer will be coming soon. Watch for details or contact Joanna Dietz at youth@valechurch.org

## Small Groups have begun! 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 <a href="mailto:youth@valechurch.org">youth@valechurch.org</a> for the Zoom link

Please register children and youth for Sunday School <u>here</u>. 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).

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** - Due to the lack of registration, the blood drive has been delayed until January.

#### **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.

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.

# VALE CHURCH STAFF

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