
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Prodigal Son”

October 3, 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.

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GATHERING

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

Welcome

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

One: Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

One: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn “I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”**

UMH 333

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Many: Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

One: As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of 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 15:11-32

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Joanna Dietz

Sermon "The Prodigal Son"

Rev. Haugh

***Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"(11:00)**

UMH 348

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 349

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

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

“With all that we are,” Please respond with

“we praise you, O Lord.”

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)

“The Church in the Wildwood” Pitts

Warren Underwood, banjo

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 “Trust and Obey”**

UMH 467

SENDING FORTH

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

Announcements

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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

Lay Readers:

8:30	Kim Haugh
Virtual	Dorothy Arbiter
11:00	Dorothy Arbiter

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

20th Sunday of Pentecost, October 10, 2021

“The Widow and the Unjust Judge”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: October 3, 2021 – October 10, 2021

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

Tues, October 5

- 6:00 pm Youth Gaming*

Wed, October 6

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

Thurs, October 7

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sat, October 9

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

Sun, October 10

- 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)
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals*
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study*

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

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!



Afghanistan Relief Efforts: The [Afghanistan Youth Relief Foundation](#) needs assistance sorting clothes at A1 National Carpeting by the Dulles Expo Center in the evenings and on Saturdays. Donations continue to pour in and there is a great need for organizing the donations and preparing them to go to Quantico and other sites to be distributed to evacuees waiting for a home. We invite you to go directly to their [Sign Up Genius](#) and assist as you can!

Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 10th at 3:00 pm! Bring your furry, scaly, and feathered friends down to the outdoor sanctuary 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. To volunteer, go to Vale's [SignUp Genius](#) page, accessible via our website. For more information contact Joanna Dietz 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

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 Gartic Phone! For more information please contact youth@valechurch.org.

Worship 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 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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