
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Widow and the Unjust Judge”

October 10, 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: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

Many: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

Many: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

Many: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,

One: when I will forgive and restore my people;

Many: when I will equip them for every good work;

One: and when I will grant justice,

Many: for I hear their cries day and night.

***Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” UMH 117**

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

Many: Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and words of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

One: Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel: 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 18:1-8**

Children's Sermon (11:00) **Joanna Dietz**

Sermon "The Widow and the Unjust Judge"
Rev. Haugh

***Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me" (11:00)** **UMH 463**

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer **UMH 488**

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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

"Lord, have mercy." Please respond with

"Christ, have mercy."

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)

“Prelude in E Minor” Chopin, arr. Sheard
Kim Sheard, flute

Blessing of the Offerings

***Hymn “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”**

UMH 352

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 Wayne Applewhite

11:00 Terri Lowry

Virtual Shira Goodfellow

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

21st Sunday of Pentecost, October 17, 2021

“The Wise One”

Rev. Joanna Dietz

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This Week at Vale: October 10, 2021 – October 17, 2021

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 Groups*
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals***
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

Tues, October 12

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

Wed, October 13

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

Sat, October 16

- 9:00 am Women's Study (Virtual)
- 11:00 am Fall Festival***

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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

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](#) invites you to A1 National Carpeting by the Dulles Expo Center to sort clothing for Afghan refugees. Hours of operation are 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 today at 3:00 pm! Bring your furry, scaly, and feathered friends to sing and celebrate in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. If your pet can't make it, you may also bring a photo.



Looking for a way to volunteer? Come to the **Fall Festival** on October 16 from 11:00-3:00! We will be partnering with the Vale Club to provide a way for our community to come together and celebrate fall with one another. We invite you to spend some time with us to make this event meaningful for everyone by assisting with children's games and sharing about your favorite things about Vale Church. Please sign up to help out [here](#). For more information, contact Joanna Dietz at youth@valechurch.org

Social Justice Task Force will be meeting on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 pm! Join us as we watch a presentation by Rev. Dr. Kevin Murriel. Rev. Dr. Murriel serves as the senior pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia and as Assistant Professor in the Practice of Practical Theology at Candler School of Theology. Dr. Murriel's passion is translating the methods of the Civil Rights Movement, including the philosophy of non-violence, into modern strategies for racial reconciliation. The presentation will be our sole focus for the evening, we invite you to join us in person in the Resource Room or on Zoom. For more information, contact Joanna Dietz at youth@valechurch.org

Vale Youth Gaming – Youth Group will not be meeting this week. For more information please contact youth@valechurch.org.

Wayne's Corner – As the Lay Leader for Vale, Wayne Applewhite acts as the connection between the congregation and the clergy. He invites you to call him at (703)-815-6618 or email at applewhitew2003@yahoo.com with any matters you might want brought to Jeff and Joanna.

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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