
Vale United Methodist Church



“Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy”

March 6, 2022

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****Threshold****Lay Reader**

One: The liturgical season of Lent developed over the centuries as a time of deepened reflection. Originally a period of preparation for baptisms on Easter Eve, it later became a time for all Christians to take stock of their lives and examine how the connection to their faith was progressing—or not—and to recommit to a life of goodness. This year we will indeed open up and take stock. But rather than feel guilty (a popular Lenten pastime) about what we haven't accomplished in our lives and faith, we will spend some time questioning how our culture's obsession with achievement and perfection actually keeps us from the true depths of life and faith. This Lent, we'll take some time to turn ladder-climbing into garden-tending, nurturing our souls and embracing our holy, “good enough,” lives.

*** Calling on God****Lay Reader**

One: Let us pray together:

Many: Holy One, Our Refuge and Shelter, we call out to you, sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress—as life goes. Whether we perceive it or not, you are there. Open us this day to your presence in the smile of a friend, in the call of a bird— in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

***Hymn**

“O How He Loves You and Me”

TFWS 2108

*** Honest Questions, Compassionate Responses**

Lay Reader

One: We find ourselves hungry for many things that we believe will bring us satisfaction. In today’s Gospel, the devil lays a bet that Jesus will jump at the chance for glory, fame, and the quick fix. Who wouldn’t? But Jesus keeps up the pithy one-liners long enough that the Tempter just has to slink away. What are the temptations that catch your ear, singing out promises that your life should be more special than it is? What if ordinary life is already holy—as is? Let us take a moment of silent reflection.

One: Hear this compassionate word from the Letter to the Romans: “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart... Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Know that already, God is offering us freedom from the temptations of the “not enough-ness” of our time, inviting us to love and revere the seeming ordinariness of the day-to-day so that we might recognize its true beauty. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are being forgiven, even now.

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

Scripture

Luke 1:1-13

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Dietz

Sermon “Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy” Rev. Haugh

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 641

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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 “Hear our prayer, O God,” Please respond with “our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.”

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 12

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert” TFWS 2105

SENDING FORTH

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

Announcements

*** Blessing and Charge**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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

Lay Readers:

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

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.

Masks are **mandatory** on Sunday mornings and whenever children and youth are present.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Lent, March 13, 2022

“So Much Is Out of Our Control”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: March 6, 2022 – March 13, 2022

Sun, March 6

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 9:45 am Sunday Small Groups
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 4:00 pm Family Event: Marshmallow Roast***
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

Tues, March 8

- 10:30 am Vale Book Club (virtual)**
- 6:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting**

Wed, March 9

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sat, March 12

- 9:00 am Women's Study (virtual)

Sun, March 13

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 9:45 am Sunday Small Groups
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm Youth Bible Study***
- 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.

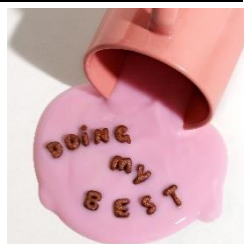
Do you want to support Vale's ministries? Did you know that you can give to Vale online? We use the respected vendor Push Pay. You don't have to set up an account and you can designate your offering for a particular mission, program or for the general church funding. Go to <http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch> and see how easy it is. The information is confidential and secure.

If you have any questions or run into any difficulty using Push Pay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Lisa Martin, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Marshmallow Roast! – You are invited to a Marshmallow Roast **TODAY**, March 6 from 4:00-5:30 in the outdoor sanctuary. We will have marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate, and sticks for roasting! We invite you to bring an item for Neighbors Feeding Neighbors as a suggested donation. Full list of items needed at bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo. We hope you will bring a friend to roast marshmallows and enjoy time together!

Struggling to feel good enough? Do you feel the pressures of the world weighing you down? God's grace meets us right where we are and invites us to bloom where we are planted. Join us for our worship series during Lent, "Good Enough."



New Youth Study – Hey youth, curious about your friends and their faith traditions? Wondering what Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, and Hindus believe? Our comparative religions class starts Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 PM. Bring a friend and let's learn more about one another! *Class runs through Lent (March 13-April 3). For more information, contact Joanna Dietz

Photos Wanted! – We need your photographs of Vale! As part of the freshening of the resource room, we are adding many photos of Vale Church and its members in action. Please select a small number of your absolute favorite photos of you and your friends at Vale in fellowship, missions, celebration, and happiness. Please write the names of the people in the photo on the back of the photos, put them in an envelope with your name on it, and drop it off in the church office. If they are digital, please email a copy of your photo(s) to office@valechurch.org and in the body of the email list the names of the people in the photo. (Please note that we expect to be displaying 25-35 photos, so unfortunately all photos submitted cannot be used). Questions? Email Eric at ekoefoot@gmail.com

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.

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!

We are watching the Covid 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.

We ask you to register for services so that we can contact attendees if we become aware of Covid cases in our community

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