
Vale United Methodist Church



“So Much Is Out of Our Control”

March 13, 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: We continue our movement through the Lent season this week with another kind of “letting go.” This week we lament that so much in life is out of our control. This is frustrating to us and so sometimes we have been tempted to believe the sayings that tell us if we just “think positively,” we can turn it all around. Yet our experience tells us that this doesn’t always work. Let us turn ladder-climbing toward the expectation of a perfect life into garden-tending, nurturing “what is” and embracing our holy, good enough, lives.

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

One: Let us pray together:

Many: **Holy One, Our Light and Salvation, we call out to you, sometimes afraid of the adversaries in life. Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths. Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform our frustrations into simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

***Hymn “We Sing to You, O God”**

TFWS 2001

Children’s Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Dietz

*** Honest Questions, Compassionate Responses**

Lay Reader

One: Know that already, God is offering us freedom from feeling alone in fixing what feels oh so wrong with this world, inviting us to let go of the need to be God, so that we might recognize that God is with us, offering courage in difficulty. 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.**

The Peace

From your seat, please offer your neighbors the peace of Jesus Christ

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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

Scripture

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

“So Much Is Out of Our Control”

Rev. Dietz

Hymn “Loving Spirit”

TFWS 2123

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 143

“On Eagle’s Wings”

And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God’s hand.

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

*“O Lord, hear our prayer,” Please respond with
“and hold us in your strength.”*

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.

Special Music (11:00)

“Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, Prelude” Bach
Sharon Williams, Hammered Dulcimer

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “Lord of the Dance”

UMH 261

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 Wayne Applewhite

11:00 Tom Feeney

Virtual Kim Sheard

Masks are no longer required, however, a portion of the Fellowship Hall, near the Children's Corner will be a "mask and distancing required zone" during worship services. Please wear a mask and maintain distancing if you are not up to date on vaccinations or boosters, if you are engaging with children, or based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk.

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

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 20, 2022

“Lots of Things Can Be Medicine”

Rev. Joanna Dietz

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This Week at Vale: March 13, 2022 – March 20, 2022

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***

Mon, March 14

- 7:00 pm **Vision Team Meeting**

Tues, March 15

- 6:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wed, March 16

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

Thurs, March 17

- 1:00 pm **UMW Meeting**
- 7:00 pm **Trustees Meeting**

Sat, March 19

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

Sun, March 20

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

March 13, 2022

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



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 youth@valechurch.org

The Closet Clean Up – Change-over is around the corner and The Closet store needs a good cleaning! The store will be closed for cleaning and change-over on Monday, March 14 from 9:00-3:00. Come help out for an hour, or the afternoon! Lunch will be available. The Closet will provide gloves and cleaning supplies. Sign up [here](#).



Embry Rucker Shelter – Missions opportunity to serve the Embry Rucker Shelter on Sunday March 20 from 9:30 – 11 AM. We are looking for help to make sandwiches as part of our bagged meals for the shelter. Families, individuals and youth are invited to participate. Please let Mary Morran know if you can help mmorran01@gmail.com

Photos Wanted! – We need your photographs of Vale! As part of the freshening of the resource room, we are adding 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, and celebration. 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 or Karen Leniart karen.leniart@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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