# Vale United Methodist Church



# "Lots of Things Can Be Medicine"

March 20, 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



#### 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.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022 "Lots of Things Can Be Medicine"

#### **GATHERING**

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

### Welcome

#### **Prelude**

# Threshold & Musical Response

"Good Enough"

What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?

Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays, mistakes we made?

Sometimes we get what we get, life disappoints us and yet, God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.

# \* Calling on God

Lay Reader

One: Let us pray together:

Many:

Holy One, Our Balm, Our Feast, we lift our hands and call your name, in need of healing-thirsting and hungry. Your steadfast love is better than life. Open us this day to your nourishment in the songs of the land, in the beauty of the sky – in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

\*Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy"

**UMH 395** 

Children's Sermon (11:00)

**Terri Lowry** 

# Honest Questions, Compassionate Responses Lay Reader

One:

Hear this compassionate word from Isaiah: "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Know that already, God is offering us love enough no matter how much we attain or achieve. We are invited to release oppressive expectations of ourselves and others so that we might recognize true worth afforded to all. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are 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 13:1-9

Sermon

"Lots of Things Can Be Medicine"

Rev. Dietz

# 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 "Lord, in your mercy," Please respond with "hear our prayer."

# 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) "Rain Down" Cortez/Carter

Vale Chancel Choir

# **Blessing of the Offerings**

# Hymn

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

**UMH 480** 

#### SENDING FORTH

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

## **Announcements**

\* Blessing and Charge

### \* Postlude

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

Lay Readers:

8:30 Bette Rutherford

11:00 Terri Lowry Virtual Deppe Family

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

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**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 27, 2022

"We Often Believe We Are the Problem"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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## This Week at Vale: March 20, 2022 - March 27, 2022

#### Sun, March 20

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 21

7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

#### Tues, March 22

6:30 pm Youth Group

#### Wed, March 23

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thurs, March 24

7:00 pm Wire Choir\*
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

#### Sat, March 26

9:00 am Women's Study (virtual)

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4:00 pm Youth 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.

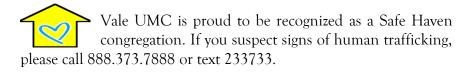
<sup>\*</sup> see announcement for details

# Vale Ministry Opportunities March 20, 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!



**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 <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 Push Pay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Lisa Martin, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



**Ukraine Relief** - As you know, the ongoing situation in Ukraine is leaving thousands in need of aid. UMCOR is taking donations

to assist the people of Ukraine, with 100% of donations going directly towards providing aid. If you would like to help, visit their website, link available at <a href="https://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo">bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo</a>. Please check the box at the bottom to credit Vale so that we can track how involved Vale is in this mission.

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors – To finish out the current school year, we are in need of some items for our Neighbors Feeding Neighbors program. A full list and description of the items needed is available at <a href="https://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo">bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo</a>. Any item in whatever quantity you can donate is appreciated.



You may drop off your donations in the church office, or in the drop box after hours. Please email Stan Ellis at <a href="wvfdeuph@gmail.com">wvfdeuph@gmail.com</a> for more information.

Coffee Hour Volunteers – Now that we are having coffee hour after our 8:30 service, we are in need of folks to run it! Please sign up to help provide coffee and snacks on Vale's <u>SignUp Genius</u> page, accessible through our website. For more information, contact Diane DuBois at (703) 620-2448 or <u>Diane.dubois1107@gmail.com</u>.



Easter Egg Hunt – Our Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 10 from 4:00-5:00 pm. We are looking for financial donations to offset the cost of the event. This year we will also have activity tables set up with crafts for families to do before and after

the actual hunt time. Be sure to invite all the preschool and elementary students in your circle to come and enjoy the festivities! Checks to support can be made to Vale UMC with Children's Ministries in the memo area.



Wire Choir - Previously the Oakton Jammers, the Wire Choir would like to invite the Vale community to join them in making music and having fun! This is an informal meet-up of musicians and

singers, and beginners are always very welcome. No matter your skill level, come play, listen, and learn some songs! The next meeting is on Thursday, March 24 from 7-9 pm, full schedule available at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo">bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo</a>. Masks are not required, but please only attend if you have been fully vaccinated. Email Ed Liskey at <a href="mailto:winganwing@yahoo.com">winganwing@yahoo.com</a> with any questions.



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

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 <u>absolute favorite</u> 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 <u>office@valechurch.org</u> 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 <u>ekoefoot@gmail.com</u> or Karen Leniart <u>karen.leniart@gmail.com</u>

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 <a href="mailto:applewhitew2003@yahoo.com">applewhitew2003@yahoo.com</a> 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 <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!

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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