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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “We Often Believe We Are the Problem”

March 27, 2022

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://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 & Musical Response**

**“Good Enough”**

*Soloist sings the first time. Please join in the second time.*

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, God of Forgiveness, we call out to you and you surround us with deliverance. You love us infinitely more than we love ourselves or others. Open us this day to your counsel, helping us be more merciful, more grace-filled, so that we might rejoice in simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

**\*Hymn “Let All Things Now Living”      TFWS 2008**

**Children’s Sermon (11:00)**

**Rev. Dietz**

## **Honest Questions, Compassionate Responses**

**Lay Reader**

One:      Hear this compassionate word from the Second Letter to the Corinthians: “From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” Know that already, God is offering us freedom from the guilt and shame of our past failings and our present unrealistic expectations. We are invited to rejoice that each day is a new beginning, so that we might enjoy, and not dread, the life before us. 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 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Sermon “We Often Believe We Are the Problem”**

**Rev. Haugh**

**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](mailto:PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org).*

After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by

“We thank you, O God,” Please respond with

“You have made all creation good.”

## **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)**

**“Were You There?” arr. Quigley**  
Flute Quartet

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

### **Hymn**

**“This is a Day of New Beginnings”**

**UMH 383**

## SENDING FORTH

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

### Announcements

#### \* Blessing and Charge

#### \* Postlude

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*\*Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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

Lay Readers:

8:30                Debbie German

11:00              Grace Barnhart

Virtual             Suzanne Michaelis

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.

## **Sermon Notes and Illustrations**

*This is a space for you to take notes on the sermon or for our children and youth to illustrate what they've heard in the story today.*

## **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.

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### **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, April 3, 2022

“We Are Fragile”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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**This Week at Vale: March 27, 2022 – April 3, 2022**

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**Sun, March 27**

- 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\*

**Tues, March 29**

- 6:30 pm Youth Group

**Wed, March 30**

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

**Thurs, March 31**

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir\*

**Sat, April 2**

- 9:00 am Women's Study (virtual)
- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry\***

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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](mailto:Office@ValeChurch.org).

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\* see announcement for details

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## Vale Ministry Opportunities

### March 27, 2022

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)



**Ukraine Relief and UMCOR Sunday** – 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 <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/ukraine/>, link also available at [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). Please check the box at the bottom to credit Vale so that we can track how involved Vale is in this mission. If you donate through Vale, please be sure to mark the donation as “Ukraine” so we can keep track!

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. In order to continue to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project, UMCOR Sunday donations go to covering the administrative costs of doing business. This is one of two Sundays per year designated for this purpose. If you would like to support the work of UMCOR, in this way, you can donate directly at [https://umcmmission.org/umcor\\_sunday/](https://umcmmission.org/umcor_sunday/), link also available at [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). If you donate through Vale, please be sure to mark the donation as “UMCOR.”

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**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 [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). 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 [vvfdeuph@gmail.com](mailto:vvfdeuph@gmail.com) 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 [SignUp Genius](#) page, accessible through our website. For more information, contact Diane DuBois at (703) 620-2448 or [Diane.dubois1107@gmail.com](mailto:Diane.dubois1107@gmail.com).

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**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.

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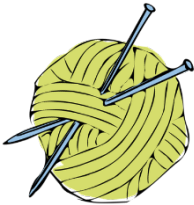
**Spring Cleanup** – As we all celebrate starting to come together again in person, the beds, flowers, and lands of Vale Church continue to grow and bloom. To that end, we need your help: our pretty church that we are all so proud of does not landscape and maintain itself! We are having our Vale Church spring cleanup on **Sunday, April 10th from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM**. Please bring gloves - and if you have them: a rake, a wheelbarrow, and/or a leaf blower. We will be raking up the property, doing some seeding, spreading mulch, painting, and removing branches. We really would like to make this a Vale social activity for both the young and the young-at-heart (including kids), so please stop by if only for a while! Many hands will make this light work. Questions? Email Eric at [ekoefoot@gmail.com](mailto:ekoefoot@gmail.com)





**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 31 from 7-9 pm, full schedule available at [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). Masks are not required, but please only attend if you have been fully vaccinated. Email Ed Liskey at [winganwing@yahoo.com](mailto:winganwing@yahoo.com) with any questions.



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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Join us this Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 am to knit and crochet for ministry! We will be making prayer shawls for those that are sick, hats and scarves for Operation Gratitude, and baptismal blankets for our newest Vale members. All experience levels are welcome,

and lessons are available for those that need it. BYOY (bring your own yarn...and needles and hooks). For more information, contact Margie Koller at [kollermargie@gmail.com](mailto:kollermargie@gmail.com) or Nancy Taylor at [Luvkats4@gmail.com](mailto:Luvkats4@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](mailto:applewhitew2003@yahoo.com) with any matters you might want brought to Jeff and Joanna.

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## 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](mailto: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!

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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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