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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Heroes of Faith: Esther”

June 26, 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**

**The Peace**

*From your seat, please offer your neighbors the peace of Jesus Christ.  
The liturgist will call out “**May the peace of Christ be with you!**”  
Please respond with, “**And also with you!**”*

**Prelude**

**\*Threshold & Response**

**Lay Reader**

One: With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before God on high?

Many: Should I come before God with burnt offerings?

One: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams or torrents of oil?

Many: Should I give the fruits of my body for the sin of my spirit?

One: God has told you, human one, what is good: What does the Lord require of you?

Many: To do justice, to embrace faithful love, and to walk humbly with your God.

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

## **Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

**One:** Christ Jesus did not call down destruction upon those who rejected him. How much more will he show mercy to those who seek forgiveness. In faith, let us confess our sins.

**Many:** O God, Holy Trinity, help us to confess our sins. You give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. We confess that we abuse what you give us. By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin. Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death. O Fire of heaven, have mercy on us. Satisfy the longings of our souls by taking us up into your Spirit that we may love our neighbor. Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance, which is your promised kingdom. To you and the Son and the Spirit, One God, be all worship and praise now and forever. Amen.

**One:** The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life. Hear the good news of the gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Many:** In the name of 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

**Esther 4:7-14**

*The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."*

*Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

### Sermon "Esther"

**Rev. Haugh**

### Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" UMH 141

### Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

**UMH 473**

**"Lead Me, Lord"**

Lead me, Lord

Lead me in thy righteousness

Make thy way plain before my face

### 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*

*"Hear us, O God," Please respond with,*

*"Your mercy is great."*

## **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)**

**“There Is a Happy Land (with Sweet By and By)”**

**Arr. McDonald**

Vale Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology (8:30)**

**UMH 95**

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

**\*Hymn “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”   UMH 129**

## **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*

Thank you to Diane DuBois and Bette Rutherford  
for providing our 8:30 coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

8:30            Kim Haugh

11:00          Grace Barnhart

Virtual        The Deppe Family

Masks are no longer required at Vale. 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.

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### **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 3 2022

“Heroes of Faith: Elijah”

Rev. Joanna Dietz

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**This Week at Vale: June 26, 2022 – July 3, 2022**

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**Sun, June 26**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

**Thurs, June 30**

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

**Sun, July 3**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

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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## Vale Ministry Opportunities

### June 26, 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)



## Family Summer Bible Camp Registration

**Deadline June 28!** – Bible Camp runs from July 5-8 in the evenings from 6:00-8:30 (including a church picnic each evening following the activities. Bible Camp is for all ages and **does not** provide a drop off option

for children and youth. Please have an adult responsible for your children during the event! Register or volunteer at the link provided at [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). **The deadline to register is June 28!** For more information, contact Joanna Dietz at [youth@valechurch.org](mailto:youth@valechurch.org).

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**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 on the SignUp Genius available on Vale’s website to help provide coffee and snacks. If you are interested in coordinating refreshments for the 11 o'clock service, please contact Diane Dubois at (703) 620-2448 or [Diane.dubois1107@gmail.com](mailto:Diane.dubois1107@gmail.com) or Pastor Jeff.



**Second Story Meals** – Vale UMC provides dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying in the Emergency Shelter in Vienna, VA. Volunteers are needed to cook & deliver - or order take-out & have it delivered - for 4 to 12 people on the dates below.

The meal should include the main course and sides (beverage is provided by Second Story). Dessert is optional, but much appreciated! Jan Feeney will be in touch the week before with details. You can reach her at [jrmfeeney@aol.com](mailto:jrmfeeney@aol.com) or by phone at 571-217-6172 with questions. To register, go to Vale’s SignUp Genius page, found on our website [valechurch.org](http://valechurch.org).

**Dates needed:**

July 26<sup>th</sup>

**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.

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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

## VALE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haugh, Pastor  
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Norm Dietz, Accompanist/Organist

Vicky Alonzo, Nursery Caregiver  
Olesya Ellis, Nursery Caregiver

Edilman Robles, Custodian

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## 2022 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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