Vale United Methodist Church



"Blessed Are the Imperfect"

February 26, 2023

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124 www.ValeChurch.org In Person Worship at 10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship at 8:30 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.

Ist Sunday of Lent February 26, 2023 "Blessed Are the Imperfect"

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

*Call to Worship

One: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what

will you eat?

Many: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

One: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will

you live?

Many: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

One: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom

will you serve?

Many: We worship the Lord our God alone.

*Hymn "Arise, Shine"

TFWS 2005

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no

longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek

God's grace. Let us confess our sin,

Many:

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care, and instead relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and recreate us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

One:

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: 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

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Please respond with "Thanks be to God."

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to their Sunday School class for the remainder of the service.

Sermon "Blessed Are the Imperfect"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn "Holy Ground"

TFWS 2272

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 405

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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

"In Christ Alone" Townend

Vale Chancel Choir

*Doxology

UMH 95

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

UMH 269

SENDING FORTH

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

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

- * Blessing and Charge
- * Postlude

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Link to today's scripture reading

Thank you to Judy Jobbitt and Tom Marshall for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Kim Haugh

Virtual Suzanne Michaelis

^{*}Please stand in spirit or in posture.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2023

"Blessed Are the Curious"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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.

This Week at Vale: Feb 26 - Mar 5, 2023

Sun, Feb 26

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)

8:45 am Contemporary Christian Topics

10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

10:15 am Sunday School

11:15 am Handbells Rehearsal

6:00 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study*

Tues, Feb 28

7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, Mar 1

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Mar 2

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri, Mar 3

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Sat, Mar 4

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry*

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^{*} see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport" February 26, 2023

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, Bill Barnhart, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org

Lenten Worship - You're invited to our virtual Lenten worship service, on our Facebook and YouTube channels. This service will be available to watch for the whole of Lent.

Sunday Evening Bible Study – The Sunday Evening Bible Study group is starting a Lenten study based on Adam Hamilton's book "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws," which is available for purchase on Amazon. This study was chosen because Jesus's care for outsiders and outcasts as expressed in Luke, is central to Vale's focus on missions. For the Zoom link or other questions, please contact Vic Larson at larson.vic@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Join us on March 4 at 10:30 am in the Resource Room 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. For more information, contact Margie Koller at kollermargie@gmail.com or Nancy Taylor at Luvkats4@gmail.com.

The Closet - Vale is once more sending volunteers to help at The Closet! Our upcoming dates are March 6 and April 9. Please see the SignUp Genius on Vale's website to help out, or the page posted on the Missions bulletin board in the hall. Contact Chris Olson at (703) 476-4561 or Nancy Abramson at (703) 307-9737 with questions.

Second Story - Vale provides dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying in the Emergency Shelter at 2100 Gallows Road in Vienna. Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver (or order takeout and have it delivered) for 4-12 people on April 25. Sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website. 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 or 571-217-6172 with questions.

Amazon Smile –Amazon has decided to end their Amazon Smile program as of Feb 20. If you used Amazon Smile and are looking for other ways to support Vale while shopping, you can open Amazon with bit.ly/valeumcshopping and it will direct a portion of your purchase towards Vale.



Charge Conference – On March 2, the Vale Administrative Board will meet as a Charge Conference at 7:00 to approve the pastor's salary for 2023.

Yard Sale is On! - Mark your calendars, the Vale yard sale is coming on June 3! We will need plenty of help in the week leading up to it, so please contact Bob Lacy at robertklacy@gmail.com if you are interested in lending a hand.

Preschool Registration – Vale UMC Preschool registration for Fall 2023 is now open. Tell your friends, family and neighbors to come register! Please see the preschool bulletin board across from the preschool classrooms for registration forms, or email Susan Ricci at preschool@valechurch.org for information.

Coffee Hour Volunteers – Interested in feeding fellowship by feeding your fellows? Please sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website to help provide coffee and snacks for after our 10:00 service.



Chancel Choir - WE WANT YOU - to join the Choir at Vale!! Everyone is welcome, and anyone can learn to sing. If you've ever had any interest in singing

with a very friendly and loving group of people, now's your chance! Chancel Choir (ages 14-100) rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and sing with us! Questions? Contact Jan Smith at music@valechurch.org.

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 email him at applewhitew2003@yahoo.com, or call at (703) 815-6618 with any matters you might want brought to Jeff

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