
Vale United Methodist Church



“Blessed Are the Curious”

March 5, 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](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

***Call to Worship**

One: From where will our help come?

Many: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Who is our keeper?

Many: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

One: How long will God protect us?

Many: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***Hymn “Blessed Assurance”**

UMH 369

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: We cannot earn God’s grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God’s love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith. Please join in the Prayer of Confession.

Many: Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, for 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

John 3:1-17

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 Curious" Rev. Jeff Haugh

Creed

UMH 889

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 641

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

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.**

***Doxology**

UMH 621

“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

*Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with thee.*

Blessing of the Offerings

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

Communion Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn “This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now” **UMH 608**

SENDING FORTH

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

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*** Blessing and Charge**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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TFWS - *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

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Thank you to the Skey family
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Dorothy Arbiter

Virtual Tom Feeney

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2023

“Blessed Are Those Who Suffer”

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: Mar 5 -12, 2023

Sun, Mar 5

- 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
- 3:00 pm Pack 1530 Meeting
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study*

Mon, Mar 6

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 Meeting

Tues, Mar 7

- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting**

Wed, Mar 8

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Troop 56063 Meeting
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Mar 9

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Fri, Mar 10

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Sun, Mar 12

- 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
- 3:00 pm Troop 56061 Meeting
- 3:00 pm Troop 40 Meeting
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study*

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

March 5, 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.

Embry Rucker - On Sunday, March 19, Vale will be making sandwiches and packing meals for the Embry Rucker Shelter. If you would like to help pack or donate food, please sign up using the link on the Vale homepage. Food donations should be dropped at the church by March 12 and labeled for the Embry Rucker Shelter. Please contact Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday Evening Bible Study - The Sunday Evening Bible Study group has started 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 larsen.vic@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.

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 or by scanning the QR code above 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.

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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