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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“Blessed Are Those Who Feel Alone”**

March 19, 2023

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://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**

**“Jesus Loves Me” arr. Krug**

Handbell Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

One: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance;

Many: **God looks on the heart.**

One: Jesus, Light of the World,

Many: **Give us eyes to see as you see!**

One: Once we lived in darkness,

Many: **But now, as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.**

One: Jesus, Light of the World,

Many: **Give us eyes to see as you see!**

**\*Hymn “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”**

## Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen

One: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our lives. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. We will live as children of the light, for Christ shines on us. 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

### Psalm 23

*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 Those Who Feel Alone"**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

## **Hymn "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"**

**UMH 136**

## **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*

*"God, our shepherd," 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**

**“It Is Well With My Soul” arr. Krug**

Handbell Choir

## **Mission Moment**

**Linda Chrosniak**

## **\*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 “Lamb of God”**

**TFWS 2113**

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

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

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Thank you to Yvonne Lauw and Bill Tse  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Bette Rutherford

Virtual         Judy Jobbitt

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 26, 2023

“Blessed Are Those Who Mourn”

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.

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**This Week at Vale: Mar 19 –26, 2023**

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**Sun, Mar 19**

- 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\*

**Mon, Mar 20**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 Meeting

**Tues, Mar 21**

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Wed, Mar 22**

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

**Fri, Mar 24**

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

**Sun, Mar 26**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
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- 11:15 am Handbells Rehearsal
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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*"Not a Spectator Sport"*

March 19, 2023

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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, Bill Barnhart, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto: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.

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**Easter Egg Hunt** - Vale's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter day, April 9 at 11:15 after our service. If you would like to help make it a hopping good time, consider donating some candy to fill our eggs! You may leave your donations in the kitchen labeled for the egg hunt by April 2, and please no candy containing nuts. Contact Miranda at [ChristianEd@valechurch.org](mailto:ChristianEd@valechurch.org) for more information.

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**Embry Rucker** - TODAY, 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](mailto:mmorran01@gmail.com) with any questions.

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**Youth Group** - On Sunday, March 26, Vale will be hosting a joint youth event with Oakton, Wesley, and Church of the Good Shepherd. Join us after the service at 11:30 for some fun!

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**The Closet** - Vale is once more sending volunteers to help at The Closet! Our upcoming dates are April 6, 27, and May 20. 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.



**Town Hall Meeting** - Join us on April 23 at 11:30am for a Town Hall meeting, where we will discuss Vale's recent activities and plan for the future.

**Attention New Members!** – Do you want to learn more about Vale's activities? Then join us on Sunday, April 16 for our Vale Orientation discussion. We'll talk about Vale UMC, the United Methodist Church, and ways we can put our faith into action. We'll meet in the Resource room at 11:15 (right after coffee hour).

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**Let's eat!** – Join us on April 30 for an old-fashioned Pot Luck dinner! We'll bring dishes to share, have some entertainment, and enjoy each other's food and company. Details will follow, but we'll plan to eat around 5 pm.



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**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](mailto:preschool@valechurch.org) for information.

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**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](mailto:music@valechurch.org).

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

## 2023 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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