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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“Blessed Are Those Who Mourn”**

March 26, 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**

**\*Call to Worship**

One:           O mortal, can these bones live?

Many:          **Only the Lord God knows.**

One:           O people, hope in the Lord.

Many:          **With the Lord there is steadfast love and great  
power to redeem.**

**\*Hymn “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

**TFWS 2088**

## Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

One: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is 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

**John 11:1-6, 17-45**

*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 Mourn"**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

## **Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**UMH 526**

## **Call for Joys and Concerns**

## **Call to Prayer**

**TFWS 2150**

**"Lord, Be Glorified"**

*In our lives, Lord,  
Be glorified, be glorified.  
In our lives, Lord,  
Be glorified today.*

## **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*

*"Lord of life," 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**

**“Every Valley Needs a Lily” arr. Nordmeyer**  
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 “Trust and Obey”**

**UMH 467**

# 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 Bette Rutherford and Diane DuBois  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Terri Lowry

Virtual           Shira Goodfellow

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, April 2, 2023

“Blessed Are Those Who Are Rejected”

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 26 –Apr 2, 2023**

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**Sun, Mar 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
- 11:30 am Youth Group**
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study\*

**Mon, Mar 27**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 Board of Review

**Tues, Mar 28**

- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Wed, Mar 29**

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Troop 56034 Meeting
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thurs, Mar 30**

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

**Fri, Mar 31**

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

**Sat, Apr 1**

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry\*

**Sun, Apr 2**

- 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\*

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\* *see announcement for details*



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*"Not a Spectator Sport"*

March 26, 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)



**Vale Spring Cleanup** – On Saturday, April 8th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm we will be having the annual Vale Spring Cleanup. Come help us beautify the church for Easter Sunday! This is a very social event, and almost all of the work is easy mulching, pruning, raking, and leaf blowing of the planting beds. If you have them, bring rakes, wheelbarrows, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves. We hope everybody will come help out and be part of this fellowship! Questions? Email Eric Koefoot at [ekoefoot@gmail.com](mailto:ekoefoot@gmail.com)

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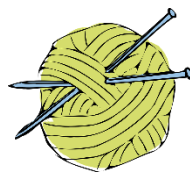
**Easter Egg Hunt** – Vale’s annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter day, April 9 at 11:15 after our service. If you would like to help make it a hopping good time, consider donating some candy to fill our eggs! You may leave your donations in the kitchen labeled for the egg hunt by April 2, and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

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**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.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry** –Join us on April 1 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](mailto:kollermargie@gmail.com) or Nancy Taylor at [Luvkats4@gmail.com](mailto:Luvkats4@gmail.com).



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

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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.



**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

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