Vale United Methodist Church



"Blessed Are Those Who Are Rejected" April 2, 2023

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.

Palm Sunday April 2, 2023 "Blessed Are Those Who Are Rejected"

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: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Many: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Many: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord! Blessed is

the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with

honesty, confessing our sin before God.

Many:

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Iesus' name. Amen.

One:

Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you. 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 21:1-11

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 Those Who Are Rejected"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn "The King of Glory Comes" TFWS 2091

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*. After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by "God of 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

"Blessed is He Who Comes" Larson

Vale Chancel Choir Linda Allardyce, Piano Norm Dietz, Trumpet

*Doxology

UMH 75

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; Come ye before him and rejoice.

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn "Who Is He"

W&S 3082

SENDING FORTH

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

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

* Blessing and Charge

* Postlude

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (Blue) TFWS – The Faith We Sing (Black) W&S – Worship and Song (Green)

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Thank you to Lizzy Lambert for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Bob Lacy Virtual Kim Sheard

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

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

"Blessed Are Those Who Hope Still"

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: Apr 2 - 9, 2023

Sun, Apr 2, Palm Sunday

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

Mon, Apr 3

7:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting

Tues, Apr 4

7:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting

Wed, Apr 5

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Apr 6, Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (CoF)*

Fri, Apr 7, Good Friday

Sun, Apr 9, Easter

7:30 am Sunrise Service*

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)

10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt*

^{*} see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"
April 2, 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

Maundy Thursday - Please join us at Community of Faith UMC for a Maundy Thursday service on April 6 at 7:30 pm.

Good Friday - There will be a Stations of the Cross video posted on Vale's Facebook and Youtube for Good Friday.

Vale Spring Cleanup - On Saturday, April 8 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

Easter Sunrise – Join us to greet Easter morning at our sunrise service on April 9 at 7:00 am in the outdoor sanctuary.



Easter Egg Hunt – Vale's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter day, April 9 at 11:15 after our service. Come have a hopping good time! Contact Miranda at ChristianEd@valechurch.org for more information.

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).

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.

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.

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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