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**Easter Sunday**

**April 9, 2023**

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**“Blessed Are Those Who Hope Still”**

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**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: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Many: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

Many: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Let this place resound with joy.

Many: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH 302**

## **Confession and Pardon**

## **Lay Reader**

**One:** God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

**Many:** Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**One:** Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. 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 20:1-18**

*The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."  
Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

### Children's Moment

### Sermon "Blessed Are Those Who Hope Still"

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

### Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose"

**UMH 322**

### Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

**UMH 143**

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

### 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 of Resurrection," 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**

### **“Resurrection Victory” Larson**

Vale Chancel Choir  
Linda Allardyce, Piano  
Norm Dietz, Trumpet

## **\*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**

# 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 strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn “He Lives”

UMH 310

## 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* (Blue)  
TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)  
W&S - *Worship and Song* (Green)

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Thank you to the United Methodist Women  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Dorothy Arbiter  
Virtual Tom Feeney

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2023

“Good News!”

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: Apr 9 – 16, 2023**

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**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\*

**Mon, Apr 10**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 Meeting

**Tues, Apr 11**

- 10:30 am Vale Book Club
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Wed, Apr 12**

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

**Thurs, Apr 13**

- 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting

**Fri, Apr 14**

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

**Sun, Apr 16**

- 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
- 11:15 am New Member Orientation\***
- 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"*

April 9, 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)





**Easter Egg Hunt** – Vale’s annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held TODAY at 11:15 after our service. Come have a hopping good time!

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**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 at 5 pm for an old-fashioned Pot Luck dinner! We’ll bring dishes to share, have some entertainment, and enjoy each other’s food and company.



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**Yard Sale Storage** – If anyone has spare garage or basement space to store items for the yard sale, please let either the office or Bob Lacy robertklacy@gmail.com know.

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**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** – Our Wednesday morning small group will start a new study: *Questions Jesus Asked: What Does Jesus Want to Know about Us?* by Magrey deVega. Asking these questions takes courage. Not only do they reveal what Jesus really cares about, they open a window into our hearts. We all have questions for God, but growth happens when we turn things around and ask what Jesus wants to know about us. When we dare to raise them, these questions bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives. Are you willing to step out in faith? Are you ready to answer the questions Jesus asked?

We meet each Wednesday at 10 am, in the Resource Room and via Zoom. Books can be ordered from Amazon or Cokesbury. For more information, contact Pastor Jeff at pastor@valechurch.org.

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