
Vale United Methodist Church



“Peter’s First Sermon”

April 16, 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



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

“Simple Gifts” arr. Lombardo

Vale Flute Choir

***Call to Worship**

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Many: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

One: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

Many: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

One: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him.

Many: For although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

One: For the outcome of our faith

Many: Is the salvation of our souls.

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

Many: God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

One: My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy; share that peace with one another. 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

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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 "Peter's First Sermon"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn "Christ Has Risen"

TFWS 2215

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 162

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

Prayers of the People

You may send prayer requests to PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org.

After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by

"Keep us in faith" *Please respond with,*

"that we may have life."

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

“Two Hallelujahs” arr Sheard

Vale Flute Choir

***Doxology**

UMH 95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all people here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

UMH 304

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.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

W&S - *Worship and Song* (Green)

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Thank you to Kim Haugh for
providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Lee Eisman

Virtual Suzanne Michaelis

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023

“So Now What Do We Do?”

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 16 – 23, 2023

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

Mon, Apr 17

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 Meeting

Tues, Apr 18

- 12:30 pm Shepherd Center Meeting
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wed, Apr 19

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

Thurs, Apr 20

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Fri, Apr 21

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Sun, Apr 23

- 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 Town Hall Meeting***
- 3:00 pm Troop 56061 Meeting
- 3:00 pm Troop 56059 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"

April 16, 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



Attention New Members! – Do you want to learn more about Vale's activities? Then join us TODAY 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 both in person and on Zoom for a Town Hall meeting, where we will discuss Vale's recent activities and plans for the future.

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. Please let us know what you're bringing by visiting the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website.



Youth Event – The youth group will be going bowling on April 30! Join us and the youth from Oakton, Wesley, and Church of the Good Shepherd for an afternoon of fun! For more information, contact Nicole Wells at youth@valechurch.org.

Help Wanted: Preschool Director – The Vale UMC Preschool regrets to announce that Susan Ricci is stepping down as Lead Teacher/Director. We are now hiring a new Lead Teacher/Director and ask you to send us any recommendations you may have for this post. For full job listing, please visit bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo. To give a recommendation, please contact us at preschooljobs@valechurch.org or Judy Jobbitt, Preschool Chair, at jjobbitt@msn.com.

Yard Sale Prep – Please save all kinds of bags - paper, plastic and shopping bags - for the church yard sale. Also needed are tissue paper (used & smoothed is OK), bubble wrap, packing paper and color comics pages (the colored ink doesn't transfer to hands like black ink does). There will be collection boxes for them in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Save the Date: VBS – Mark your calendars! Vale will be having our Vacation Bible School program July 19-22. Registration for participants and volunteers will start on May 1.



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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