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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Alive for God”

June 25, 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: God cares for us completely and calls for our total commitment.
- Many: Christ gave his life that we might live and calls us to give our lives to him.
- One: Through Christ we have died to sin; in Christ we are fully alive to God.
- Many: Come, let us worship God.

**\*Hymn “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” UMH 129**

## **Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

**One:** Sin destroys our lives. Sin destroys our relationships. Sin destroys our hope. But through faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our lives, our relationships, and our future are no longer enslaved to sin. Let us trust the love of God and confess our sin, that we might receive grace and find true freedom.

**Many:** God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his name that we pray. Amen

**One:** God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us. Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out from the wastelands of sin. Death cannot bind us, for the risen Christ sets us free. Hear the good news: in 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

**Genesis 21:8-21**

*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 return to their families.*

### Sermon "Alive for God"

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

### Creed

**UMH 889**

### 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 send prayer requests to [PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org](mailto:PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org).*

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

*"Lord, in your 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.

## **\*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

We thank you God, for inviting us to this table, where we have known the presence of Christ and have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

### 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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## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 2, 2023

Mr. Tom Feeney

Thank you to Abi Koroma  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Bette Rutherford

Virtual         Kim Sheard

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: June 25 –July 2, 2023**

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**Sun, Jun 25**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

**Sun, Jul 2**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

**Upcoming Sundays:**

- July 2 Mr. Tom Feeney Preaching **NO Communion**
- July 9 Rev. Drew Ensz Preaching
- July 16 Sowing God's Word (Gen 25.19-34)
- July 23 Rev. John Hall Preaching



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*"Not a Spectator Sport"*

**Jun 25, 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)

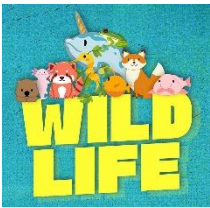


**Hot Meals** - Due to increasing requests for meals, the Hot Meals team could use some extra help this month. We will be preparing meals for our homeless neighbors TOMORROW, June 26. Sign up to help out at [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). Food donations must be received no later than Sunday, June 25. Please deliver all donations to the kitchen clearly labeled for Hot Meals. For more information, contact Mary Morran at [mmorran01@gmail.com](mailto:mmorran01@gmail.com).

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**Ride to Worship** - A member of our congregation, Laura Bealey, is in need of assistance getting to and from Sunday morning worship. If you are able to give her a ride, please sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website. You will be given more details as to when and where to pick her up the week prior. Please contact [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org) with any questions.

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**VBS Registration** - Calling friends, family, and neighbors, VBS registration is open now! VBS will be taking place July 19-21, 9AM - 12PM. Please see Vale's homepage for a link to the sign up to register your child or to volunteer to help out. For more information, please email Miranda Mason at [mkmason.valeumc@gmail.com](mailto:mkmason.valeumc@gmail.com)

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**New Preschool Director** - We are excited to announce that Diane Willard has been hired as the Lead Teacher/Director of the Vale UMC Preschool. She has nearly 20 years of teaching experience - 13 at the preschool level - in her background. Diane and her husband, Patrick, now live in Reston and have three daughters.

**Hiring Assistant Teachers** - The Preschool asks for your help once again in recommending candidates for two assistant teachers. We are hoping to fill both positions to start in late August 2023. The assistant teachers will aid Diane and report directly to her. A full job description is available at [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](https://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). Please contact Judy Jobbitt at [jjobbitt@msn.com](mailto:jjobbitt@msn.com) or 571-241-9595 with your recommendations and their contact information. If they wish to directly contact Vale themselves, please have them email [preschooljobs@valechurch.org](mailto:preschooljobs@valechurch.org) and mention you as a reference.



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**Coffee Hour Volunteers** - Interested in feeding fellowship by feeding your fellows? Please sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website to help provide coffee and snacks for after our 10:00 service.

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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

Tom Feeney, Chair • Bob Lacy, Vice Chair • Susan Leigh, Secretary  
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