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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Bridging the Gap”

July 2, 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.*

**“Bridging the Gap”**

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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: God is our refuge and strength,

Many: a present help in trouble.

One: Therefore we will not fear.

Many: We will not fear, though the earth should change,

One: Though the mountains shake,

Many: We will not fear,

One: Though the waters roar, though the mountains tremble,

Many: We will not fear.

One: God dwells in the midst of the city;

Many: The city will not be moved; God will help it;

One: God will help it when the morning dawns.  
Many: **The nations are in an uproar. The kingdoms totter.**  
One: God speaks a word, and the earth melts.  
Many: **The Lord of hosts is with us;**  
One: The God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Many: **Therefore we will not fear. The city will not be moved.**  
One: Come, behold the works of the Lord.  
Many: **See what desolations he has brought on the earth.**  
One: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth.  
Many: **Therefore we will not fear.**  
One: “Be still, and know that I am God!”  
Many: **God is our refuge and strength.**  
One: “I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”  
Many: **The Lord of hosts is with us. Therefore we will not fear.**

**\*Hymn “America the Beautiful”**

**UMH 696**

## **Confession and Pardon**

## **Lay Reader**

**One:** We know that we have not lived according to God's desires for us. The brokenness in the world, and the sin and despair in our hearts, threaten to consume us as a mighty flood. Yet God is our hope and our firm foundation. Let us confess our sin before our gracious God.

**Many:** **Creating God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on "the way it's always been" and prepare us for the joy of "the way it still can be." Through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**One:** Friends, hear this good news. Jesus Christ is our ark! His power is unequalled, his grace is unrestrained, his strength is steadfast, and his embrace is sufficient to carry all that we are and hope to be. Friends, believe the good news! 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 9:35-8, 10:5-15**

*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 "Bridging the Gap"

**Tom Feeney**

### Hymn "Freely, Freely"

**UMH 389**

### Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

**TFWS 2164**

#### "Sanctuary"

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,*

*Pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

### 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**

**Hymn “Forth In Thy Name, O Lord”**

**UMH 438**

# 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**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 9, 2023

Rev. Drew Ensz

Thank you to Diane DuBois  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Dorothy Arbiter

Virtual Deppe Family

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: July 2 – 9, 2023**

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**Sun, Jul 2**

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

**Sun, Jul 9**

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

**Upcoming Sundays:**

- 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"*

Jul 2, 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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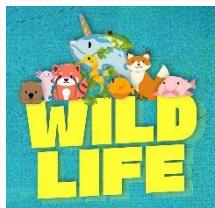
**Church updates** – Did you know Vale sends out via email a weekly *Shout* and a monthly *Voice* with church updates? If you are **not** receiving our emails and would like to, please let the Vale office know.

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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)





**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.

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**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. A full job description is available at [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://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.



**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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**The Closet Toy Sale** - The annual toy sale will be July 15 at the Herndon Moose Lodge from 9 - 12:30. Profits from the sale go toward grants & scholarships. Volunteer help is needed July 11 - 14 from 10 am - 4 pm to price & set up. Please consider signing up at their site <http://theclosetofgreaterherndon.org/>

## 2023 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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