
Vale United Methodist Church



“Matthew 11”

July 9, 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](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: Beloved of God, the winter is past,

Many: The flowers appear on the earth,

One: The time of singing has come.

Many: Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.

Hymn Sing

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Many: Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

One: Children of God, hear this gospel word: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. You have been freed for service in his name, for 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 11:16-19, 25-30

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 "Matthew 11"

Rev. Drew Ensز

Hymn "God Is So Good"

TFWS 2056

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 405

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And his righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

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

"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 “God Will Take Care of You”

UMH 130

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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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 16, 2023

“Sowing God’s Word”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Thank you to Debbie German and Bob Collum
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Wayne Applewhite

Virtual Suzanne Michaelis

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: July 9 – 16, 2023

Sun, Jul 9

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

Tues, Jul 11

7:00 pm Wire Choir

Sun, Jul 16

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

Upcoming Sundays:

July 16 Sowing God's Word
July 23 Rev. John Hall Preaching
July 30 Streams of Living Water: Contemplative

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Jul 9, 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.

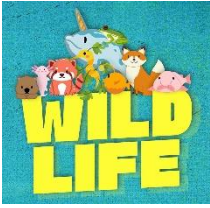
Enjoy today's message? – Services can also be found on YouTube and Facebook by searching for “Vale United Methodist Church”. If you would like a DVD, please let us know.

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





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

Guatemala Team Commissioning – Join us next Sunday, July 16 to see off our Guatemala team! We will be praying for their safe travels and good works.

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 with any questions.

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.

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/>

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