
Vale United Methodist Church



“Sowing God’s Word”

July 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](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’s creation delights and astonishes.
Many: Let the people pause and wonder!
One: God, the Creator, has made it all.
Many: Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!

Hymn Sing

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

- One: In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin. Let us confess our sins to God.
Many: Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

One: Family in Christ, when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places. Happy are those who come into God's courts, for you shall be satisfied with the goodness of God and rejoice in the holiness of God's temple, for we know that 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 13:24-30, 36-43

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 "Sowing God's Word"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn "The Church is One Foundation" UMH 546

Guatemala Team Commissioning

One: All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As these members of our group begin their work among the people of Guatemala, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors. Our team members are: Tom Feeney, Pam Lucas, Vicki Alzono, Steven, Deb Cohen, Lily Cohen. They will leave this Saturday and return on the 29th.

Many: We recognize you as ambassadors of Vale United Methodist Church in ministry with the people of Guatemala and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

One: Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

Many: We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts. We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons and to the improvement of the quality of life. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world and to the rule of justice and law among all nations. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs, and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. To this we give God our thanks and our praise. Amen.

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 405

“Seek Ye First”

*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.

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 “For the Healing of the Nations” UMH 428

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 23, 2023

“Fear, Faith, Freedom”

Rev. John Hall

Thank you to Larry and Ula Felt
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Kim Haugh

Virtual Judy Jobbitt

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 16 – 23, 2023

Sun, Jul 16

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

Wed, Jul 19

9:00 am VBS

Thurs, Jul 20

9:00 am VBS
1:00 pm UMW Meeting

Fri, Jul 21

9:00 am VBS

Sat, Jul 22

9:00 am VBS

Sun, Jul 23

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

Upcoming Sundays:

July 23 Rev. John Hall Preaching
July 30 The Contemplative Stream

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Jul 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.

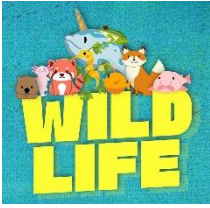
Enjoy today's message? – Services can also be found on YouTube and Facebook by searching for “Vale United Methodist Church”. If you would like a DVD, please let us know.

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





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

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.

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