
Vale United Methodist Church



“Fear, Faith, Freedom”

July 23, 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**

UMH 854, v 1-6, 19-24

Hymn Sing

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Family of God, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

Many: Merciful God, your creatures cry - creation groans - but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

One: Children of God, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world. 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

Romans 8:12-25

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 "Fear, Faith, Freedom"

Rev. John Hall

Hymn "Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Movement led by Katie Pierce

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.

Special Music

“Held” by Wells

Katie Pierce, soloist

***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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH 384

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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Sermon Notes and Illustrations

This is a page for you to take notes on the sermon or for our children and youth to illustrate what they've heard in the story today.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 30, 2023

“Streams of Living Water: Contemplative”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Thank you to Linda Hefner
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00	Bette Rutherford
Virtual	Shira Goodfellow

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 23 – 30, 2023

Sun, Jul 23

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

Thurs, Jul 27

7:00 pm Wire Choir

Sun, Jul 30

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

Upcoming Sundays:

July 30 Streams of Living Water: Contemplative
Aug 6 Streams of Living Water: Holiness (Communion)
Aug 13 Streams of Living Water: Charismatic

* *see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Jul 23, 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





The Closet – Our next assigned day for Vale volunteers at The Closet is Friday, July 28, and we need your help! You can work in the morning, from 10 -1 or the afternoon, from 1 - 4pm. The jobs are easy (making price tags, tagging & hanging clothes, straightening up shelves, etc.), but all this provides so much help to the store running well. Help this important community mission by signing up on either the Mission board or on Vale's SignUp Genius. If you have any questions, email Chris Olson, golsonc@gmail.com or Nancy Abramson, stonachNW@aol.com

Vale Choirs – The Chancel, Children's, and Flute Choirs are starting rehearsals again! See below for details.

Chancel Choir - Every Wednesday 7:30-9:00 in the sanctuary starting on Aug 23. Potluck dinner at the Haugh's to kick off, time TBD.

Children's Choir - Every Sunday after the 10:00 service in the sanctuary starting Sep 10.

Flute Choir - Every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30-9:00 in the Fellowship Hall starting August 8. First performance is Aug 27 at Bethel UMC in Warrenton.

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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