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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“Streams of Living Water: Incarnational”**

September 3, 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: Observe the Sabbath day

Many: **And keep it holy.**

One: Six days we labor and do all our work-

Many: **But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord our God.**

One: Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,

Many: **But God brought us out from there**

One: With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

Many: **We, and the resident stranger in our towns,**

One: And all creatures great and small, rest;

Many: **Giving thanks and praise to God, who has set us free.**

## Hymn Sing

*We invite you to choose a hymn for the congregation to sing the first and last verses of.*

## Confession and Pardon

## Lay Reader

**One:** The hardness of our hearts grieves God. We prefer to follow our own counsel rather than to seek and submit to the counsel of God. Confessing our sin, may God soften our hearts and guide our feet to walk in the ways of faithfulness.

**Many:** God of the outstretched arm, though you lead us into freedom, we choose again and again the chains of sin. Forgive us, we pray, for bowing to the false gods of our time: We believe we have made ourselves, rather than being made in your image- the work of your hands. We practice legalism against others, yet expect exceptions for ourselves. We rest in ease, while others bear heavy burdens on our behalf. Heal us where we are withered in hand or heart or faith. Stretch us beyond what we have managed or imagined, to live as you intend and command. In the name of Christ, who came to set us free. Amen.

**One:** We are clay jars with a treasure within - an extraordinary power that does not come from us, but from God. We are not left crushed, despairing, forsaken, or destroyed. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is visible and at work in us. Thanks be to God, 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

### II Corinthians 4:7

*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 "The Incarnational Stream" Rev. Jeff Haugh

### Creed

UMH 883

### Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

UMH 641

#### "Fill My Cup, Lord"

*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.*

*Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.*

*Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;*

*Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

### 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*

*"Stretch out your arm, we pray," Please respond with,*

*"And set things right."*

## **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.

## **God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

### **Special Music**

#### **"Communion" by Gounod**

Richard Brewer, violin; Jane Brewer, piano

### **\*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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400

### 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.*

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 3, 2023

“Owe Love”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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

Lay Readers:

10:00            Kim Haugh  
Virtual           Shira Goodfellow

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

W&S - *Worship and Song* (Green)

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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: Sep 3 – 10, 2023

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### Sun, Sep 3

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir\*
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56061

### Tues, Sep 5

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

### Wed, Sep 6

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study\*
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir\*

### Thurs, Sep 7

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Sun, Sep 10

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School\*
- 11:00 am Children's Choir\*
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir\*
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

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\* *see announcement for details*



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Sep 3, 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)





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

Flute Choir - Every second and fourth Tues at 7:30-9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Chancel Choir - Every Wednesday 7:30-9:00 in the sanctuary.

Handbell Choir - Every Sunday at 11:30-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall

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

**Women's Community Bible Study** - The Women's Bible Study is meeting Fridays at 9:00 am. We are studying "Walking with Gospel Women" by Fiona Stratta. Each week is a stand-alone study of women from the Bible, so you are invited to come as you are able. There is nothing to read ahead and having the book is not necessary, but can be helpful. For more information, please contact, Joanna Dietz at [icarryatune@gmail.com](mailto:icarryatune@gmail.com). This study is on Zoom and lasts for about an hour.

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**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - The Wednesday morning group will begin meeting again on September 6 at 10:00 am in the Resource Room. We will be reading "On Purpose: Finding God's Voice in Your Passion." For more information, contact Jeff Haugh at [pastor@valechurch.org](mailto:pastor@valechurch.org).

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**Sunday School** - Children's Sunday School will begin again on September 10, following the Children's Moment in worship.

**The Closet** – Vale’s day at The Closet this month is Monday, September 11. We need your help! The jobs are easy & can accommodate both those needing to sit as well as stand. Students who volunteer can receive credit toward their diplomas, so consider getting a head start on this school year. Please sign up on Vale's Signup Genius or on the Mission Board. Questions? Email Chris Olson at [golsonc@gmail.com](mailto:golsonc@gmail.com) or Nancy Abramson at [StronachNW@aol.com](mailto:StronachNW@aol.com).

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**Second Story** – Vale provides dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying in the Second Story Emergency Shelter in Vienna. Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver (or order takeout and have it delivered) for 4-12 people on November 28 and December 26. Please sign up on Vale’s SignUp Genius. The meal should include the main course and sides (beverage is provided by Second Story). Dessert is optional but much appreciated! You will need to call Second Story the day before for the exact number of meals needed, contact Jan Feeney at [jrmfeeney@aol.com](mailto:jrmfeeney@aol.com) or 571-217-6172 for their unlisted number, or with any questions.



**Vale Worship Greeters** – Do you want to connect with the Vale community? We are in need of some volunteers to greet people as they arrive to worship. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the congregation better, both old and new members! On communion Sundays, we especially need help to create nametags as folks arrive. Please sign up to help out on Vale’s Signup Genius page.

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**Holy Land Trip!** – Pastor Jeff is going to the Holy Land February 7-14. Our trip will bring to life many of the stories you remember from the Old and New Testaments. The cost is approximately \$3200. See Pastor Jeff if you are interested.

## 2023 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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