Vale United Methodist Church

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**“Owe Love”**

September 10, 2023

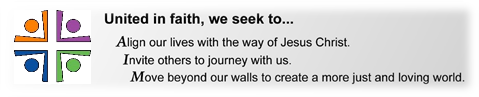
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[www.ValeChurch.org](about:blank)

In Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Facebook.com/groups/valechurch



15th Sunday after Pentecost Sep 10, 2023

“Owe Love”

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 861**

Hymn “I Come with Joy” UMH 617

Confession and Pardon Lay Reader

One: Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us pray together.

**Many: Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in 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 13:8-14

*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 “Owe Love” Rev. Jeff Haugh

**Hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” TFWS 2223**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

Call to Prayer TFWS 2179

“Live in Charity”

*Live in charity and steadfast love,*

*Live in charity; God dwell with you.*

**Prayers of the People**

You may send prayer requests to [**PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org**](about:blank).

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**

**“Sing a New Song to the Lord” by Sleeth**

Vale Chancel Choir

\*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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Thank you to Bette Rutherford and Diane DuBois

for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Kim Haugh

Virtual Kim Sheard

**NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 17, 2023

“Live to the Lord”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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: Sep 10 – 17, 2023

**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\*

5:00 pm Youth Group\*

**Tues, Sep 12**

7:00 pm Flute Choir\*

7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Wed, Sep 13**

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study\*

7:30 pm Chancel Choir\*

**Fri, Sep 15**

6:00 pm Girl Scout Council Meeting

**Sun, Sep 17**

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\*

5:00 pm Youth Group\*

*\* see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*"Not a Spectator Sport”*

Sep 10, 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](about:blank) 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](about:blank)

**Sunday School Help Wanted –** Are you interested in working with Vale’s children? We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to spend an hour on their Sunday mornings to help teach our Children’s Sunday School class. Materials and curriculum are provided. If you are interested, please contact Miranda Mason at [ChristianEd@valechurch.org](mailto:ChristianEd@valechurch.org).

**Youth Group** – Vale’s Youth Group is starting meetings again for the school year! Join us on Sunday evenings 5-6 pm in the downstairs youth room for fun and fellowship! Contact Nicole Wells at [youth@valechurch.org](mailto:youth@valechurch.org) with any questions.

**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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044eaea92caafe3-thecloset#/) 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).

**Christmas Tree Prep Meeting** – It's that time of year again – less than 3 months to Christmas Tree Sales! There will be a meeting at the church on Thursday, Sept 21 at 7:30 pm for anyone interested in helping out with tree sales. This year, we are asking volunteers to consider "task level' responsibilities, in addition to those willing to own more significant program leadership roles. By focusing on tasks, we are hoping that more volunteers will be able to commit and we can expand the ranks of volunteers. There are jobs for everyone, regardless of physical ability. Please contact Mike Martin at [mike.vumc@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.vumc@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Embry Rucker** – On Sept 24 at 9:00 am, Vale will be making sandwiches and packing meals for the Embry Rucker Shelter. If you would like to help pack, please sign up [on](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EAEA92CAAFE3-embry4) Vale’s SignUp Genius page. P**lease contact Mary Morran at** [mmorran01@gmail.com](mailto:mmorran01@gmail.com) **with any questions.**

**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.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** – The Wednesday morning group is meeting again 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).

**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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044EAEA92CAAFE3-vale8) Vale’s SignUp Genius page.

**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.

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