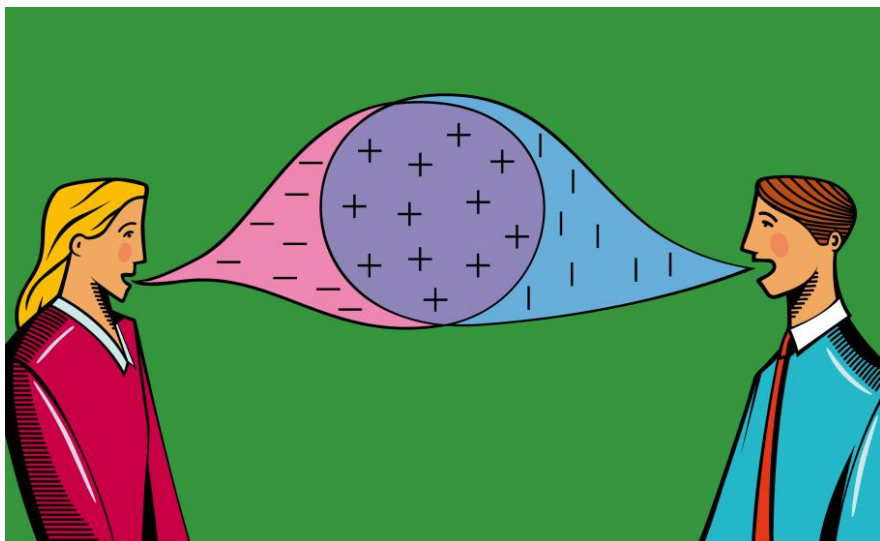


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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“Live to the Lord”**

September 17, 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**

**UMH 135**

**Hymn “O How I Love Jesus”**

**UMH 170**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

Many: Gracious and loving God, you lived for us – we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others. You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: God is merciful and gracious, and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord, 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

**Romans 14:1-12**

*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 their Sunday School class.*

### Sermon "Live to the Lord"

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

### Hymn "He Is Exalted"

**TFWS 2070**

### Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

**UMH 177**

#### "He Is Lord"

*He is Lord, he is Lord!*

*He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!*

*Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess*

*That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

### 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*

*"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.

## God's Tithes and Our Offerings

### Special Music

**"Blessed Assurance" arr. Lamb**

Vale Handbell 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 "My Life is in You, Lord"**

**TFWS 2032**

# 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.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

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

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Thank you to Kim Haugh  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Bette Rutherford

Virtual           Tom Feeney

## **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**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 24, 2023

“Where Do You Stand?”

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holmes Chaney

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 17 – 24, 2023**

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**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
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56061 Meeting
- 5:00 pm Youth Group\*

**Tues, Sep 19**

- 7:00 pm GS Troop 56034 Meeting
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Wed, Sep 20**

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

**Thurs, Sep 21**

- 1:00 pm UMW Meeting
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Christmas Tree Planning Meeting\*

**Sun, Sep 24**

- 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\*

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Sep 17, 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)



**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.



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**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 Vale's SignUp Genius page. Please contact Mary Morran at [mmorran01@gmail.com](mailto:mmorran01@gmail.com) with any questions.

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**Vale Fall Fair** – Join the Vale community on October 14 from 11 am - 3 pm for the Vale Fall Fair! There will be music, games, and food at the schoolhouse, as well as a bounce house and spin art here at the church. We will also have our sanctuary open to show the community our beautiful place of worship. We are looking for volunteers to help supervise these stations for 2 hours at a time, please sign up on Vale's SignUp Genius if you are interested.

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**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).

**Freezer Defrosting** – We will be defrosting the freezer for cleaning next week 9/18-22. If you have anything stored in the freezer that you would like to keep, please find another home for it during that time!

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**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.

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**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 \$3000. See Pastor Jeff if you are interested.

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**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.

## 2023 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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