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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“The Greatest Command**

October 29, 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.*

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**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 809**

**Hymn “Love the Lord Your God”**

**TFWS 2168**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ’s righteousness and confidence in God’s grace, let us confess our sin

**Many:** Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**One:** Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: 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**

**Matthew 22:34-46**

*The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."*

*Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

## **Baptism of New Members**

**UMH 33**

Emilia Aleksandra Sawka

Olivia Grace Lord

## **Children's Moment**

*After the Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to their Sunday School class.*

**Sermon “The Greatest Command”**

**Rev. Haugh**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**TFWS 2038**

**“Father, I Adore You”**

*Father, I adore you,  
Lay my life before you;  
How I love you.*

**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*

*“God of hosts,” 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

## Stewardship Moment

### Hymn Sing

Arky Arky

More Precious Than Silver - TFWS #2065

Shall We Gather At the River - UMH #723

### \*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 “King of Kings”

**TFWS 2075**

# 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 Diane DuBois  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Kim Haugh

Virtual           Tom Feeney

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023

“The Greatest Command”

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.

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**This Week at Vale: Oct 29 – Nov 5, 2023**

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**Sun, Oct 29**

- 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 Trunk or Treat\***

**Mon, Oct 30**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 B & G BSA Meeting

**Thurs, Nov 1**

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

**Thurs, Nov 2**

- 7:00 pm Charge Conference\***
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

**Sat, Nov 4**

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry\*

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

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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)





## Children & Youth Ministry Director -

Community of Faith UMC and Vale UMC are seeking a full-time, Children & Youth Ministry Director to lead a newly created staff position focused on reaching the community beyond the walls of the church. An ideal candidate brings a passion for building relationships with the next generation as well as good time management, interpersonal, and leadership skills. Full job description available at [bit.ly/valechurchinfo](http://bit.ly/valechurchinfo). To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to Rev. Dr. Jeff Haugh at [jobs@valechurch.org](mailto:jobs@valechurch.org)

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**Trunk or Treat** - Vale is once again hosting Trunk or Treat! Join us on October 29 at 3-5 pm for costumes and candy. There will also be a fire pit and s'mores! Contact Miranda Mason at [ChristianEd@valechurch.org](mailto:ChristianEd@valechurch.org) with any questions.



**All Saints Sunday** - On Sunday, November 5, we will be celebrating the lives of the many saints in our lives and read the names of those who have gone on to glory in the past year. If you would like us to read the name of someone who died this past year and who has been a saint to you, please let the church office know their full name and the date of their passing.

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**Christmas Trees** - We have got some great ideas and plans in the works for our tree sales this year! If you would like to be involved in setting us up for success, we will have follow up meetings on October 26, and November 9 at 7 pm. A Zoom link is available for those that need it. Please contact Mike Martin at [mike.vumc@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.vumc@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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**Charge Conference** – Vale’s Charge Conference will be held on November 2 at 7pm.

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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).

## 2023 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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## VALE CHURCH STAFF

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