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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Why We Sing Sad Songs”

February 18, 2024

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**

**“Ave Verum Corpus” arr. Magg**  
Vale Flute Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

One: From water to wilderness:

Many: **God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.**

One: On stone and in hearts:

Many: **God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.**

One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

Many: **God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.**

One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path, for where he is, we would be also.

Many: **God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: God’s bow has been hung in the clouds- a unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin. God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, let us confess our sins.

Many: **God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

One: As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news, 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

**Psalm 25:1-10**

*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 "Why We Sing Sad Songs" Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**Hymn "Trust and Obey"**

**UMH 467**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**UMH 473**

**"Lead Me, Lord"**

*Lead me, Lord,  
Lead me in thy righteousness;  
Make thy way plain before my face.*

### 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**

**"Kumbaya" arr. Rice-Young**  
Vale Flute Choir

### **\*Doxology**

**UMH 95**

**"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

**Hymn "Great Is the Lord"**

**TFWS 2022**

# 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 Jan and Tom Feeney  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Kim Haugh

Virtual           Judy Jobbitt

## **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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, February 25, 2024

“What Does It Really Mean to Trust More in God?”

Rev. John Hall



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**This Week at Vale: Feb 18 – Feb 25, 2024**

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**Sun, Feb 18**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Contemporary Christian Topics\*
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School for Children
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir

**Mon, Feb 19**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1893 Meeting

**Tues, Feb 20**

- 6:00 pm GS Troop 56076 Meeting
- 7:30 pm Worship Team Meeting

**Wed, Feb 21**

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

**Sun, Feb 25**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Contemporary Christian Topics\*
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School for Children
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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, Tom Feeney, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)





**Third Weekend at Vale** – Join us on Sunday, Feb 25 at 5-7 pm for a Fried Chicken Dinner as a celebration of the success of our Christmas tree sales and RISE Against Hunger ministry! Please sign up on Vale's website to give us an idea of how many will attend. No need to bring anything, just come and enjoy some good food and company

**Youth Cohort Events** – On Feb 25 from 12-1:30 pm, join the Oakton/Vienna Youth Cohort for donuts and Lent bingo! We will be having fun and doing a service project at Oakton UMC, all youth grades 7-12 are welcome! Then on March 17 from 12-2 pm, Vale will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day celebration with games and service. To rsvp, for questions and/or transportation, talk to Miracle at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).



**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.

**Preschool Registration** – Vale UMC Preschool registration for Fall 2024 is now open to all. Please tell your friends, family and neighbors to come register! Please see the preschool bulletin board across from the preschool classrooms for registration forms, or email Diane Willard at [preschool@valechurch.org](mailto:preschool@valechurch.org) for information

**Adult Sunday School** – Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for our Contemporary Christian Topics Sunday School class. Contact Stan Ellis at [vvfdeuph@gmail.com](mailto:vvfdeuph@gmail.com) or Lee Eisman at [leeandlinda@verizon.net](mailto:leeandlinda@verizon.net) for more information.



**Chancel Choir** – WE WANT YOU - to join the Choir at Vale!! Everyone is welcome, and anyone can learn to sing. If you've ever had any interest in singing with a very friendly and loving group of people, now's your chance! Chancel Choir (ages 14-100) rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and sing with us! Questions? Contact Jan Smith at [music@valechurch.org](mailto:music@valechurch.org).

## 2024 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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