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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “A Stumbling Block”

March 3, 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**

**\*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.**

**\*Hymn “How Great Thou Art”**

**UMH 77**

## **Confession and Pardon**

## **Lay Reader**

**One:** Despite all that God has taught us, we still act foolishly; we are still weak. In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength rather than our own.

**Many:** Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships- with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words that bless and lift up, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking that everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery and brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. **In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**One:** Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. 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

### I Corinthians 1:18-25

*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 "A Stumbling Block"

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

### Creed

**UMH 880**

### 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**

### **\*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**

# 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

Having been consumed into your Body by your love, send us to all who hunger for your sustaining presence that we may gratefully share the Feast. Amen.

## Hymn “You Are My All In All”

W&S 3040

## 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)

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024

“Wilderness”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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Thank you to Eileen Koefoot  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00           Bette Rutherford

Virtual         Kim Sheard

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**This Week at Vale: Mar 3 – Mar 10, 2024**

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**Sun, Mar 3**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School\*
- 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, Mar 4**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1893 Meeting

**Tues, Mar 5**

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

**Wed, Mar 6**

- \*NO WED BIBLE STUDY\***
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Sun, Mar 10**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School\*
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Mar 3, 2024

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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)





**Easter Egg Hunt** – Easter is on the way! Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 11 am after worship on Palm Sunday, March 24. Please bring your own baskets, and invite your friends and neighbors! For more information or questions, talk to Miracle at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).

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**Embry Rucker** – On Sunday, March 17 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 website Please contact Mary Morran at [mmorran01@gmail.com](mailto:mmorran01@gmail.com) with any questions.

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**Youth Cohort Events** – Join the Oakton/Vienna Youth Cohort on March 17 from 12-2 pm at Vale for a St. Patrick's Day celebration! We will play games and make snack packs for Second Story. To rsvp, or for any questions, talk to Miracle at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).

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**Second Story Meals** – 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 **March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, and August 27**. Please sign up on Vale's website. 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 Feeny at [jrmfeeny@aol.com](mailto:jrmfeeny@aol.com) or 571-217-6172 for their unlisted number, or with any questions.





**Next Hymn Sing Sunday May 26** – Do you have a favorite hymn? Want to learn more about the history of a hymn?

Please submit all requests to Jan Smith [music@valechurch.org](mailto:music@valechurch.org) before the end of March so a few can be selected for us to share together that day. Wayne will probably ask for another Christmas hymn, so you'll need to be quick to beat him!

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**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.

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**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

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

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**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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