
Vale United Methodist Church



“Wilderness”

March 10, 2024

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

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.

“Wilderness”

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.**

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

Many: Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth’s goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

One: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you 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 Kings 19:1-15

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 "Wilderness"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" UMH 397 v1,3,5

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.

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

"Ancient Words" arr. Purifoy

Vale Chancel 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH 400

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 Tom and Judy Jobbitt
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Tom Feeney

Virtual Tom Feeney

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

5th Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024

“The New Covenant”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

This Week at Vale: Mar 10 – Mar 17, 2024

Sun, Mar 10

- 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 11

- 7:00 pm Troop 1893 Meeting

Tues, Mar 12

- 5:30 pm Daisy Troop 56130 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, Mar 13

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

Thurs, Mar 14

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sat, Mar 16

- 1:00 pm Jim Craft Memorial Service*

Sun, Mar 17

- 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
- 12:00 pm Youth Cohort Meeting

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Mar 10, 2024

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.

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, Tom Feeney, at 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.

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 donate food or help pack, please sign up on Vale's website Please contact Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com with any questions.

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 have lunch, play games, and make snack packs for Second Story. To rsvp or for questions, ask Miracle at valedcym@gmail.com.

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 Feeney at jrmfeeney@aol.com or 571-217-6172 for their unlisted number, or with any questions.



Obituary Notice – James "Jim" Craft, a longtime member of Vale, passed away from Alzheimer's Disease surrounded by his family on January 20 at his home in Oakton, VA. A memorial service to honor and celebrate his life will take place at Vale UMC on Saturday, March 16 at 1 PM. Contributions in memory of Jim may be made to Vale.

17th Annual Guatemala Mission Trip - On the week of July 6-13, Vale will once again be sending a team to the village of Twi'Ninwitz for our 17th annual mission trip! Our main project is TBD but we will definitely do art projects, take school photos, play with the children, and bond with the community while we're there! Community service hours are available for teens. All-inclusive cost for one person is approximately \$2150. Contact Deb Cohen at 703-304-9709 or deb@debcohenrealestate.com for questions and more info.



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 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!

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 for information

Adult Sunday School New Time - Join us Sunday mornings at **9:00 am** for our Adult Sunday School class. Contact Stan Ellis at vvfdeuph@gmail.com or Lee Eisman at 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.

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