

## **Easter Sunday**

#### Mar 31, 2024

## "The Skiplagging Christ"

#### 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

# \*Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302 v. 1-4

## **Confession and Pardon**

## Lay Reader

- One: Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.
- Many: All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.
- One: By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song. I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, who lives and reigns as Mother of us all, now and forever.
- 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

John 20:1-18

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 "The Skiplagging Christ" **Rev. Jeff Haugh** 

Hymn "Christ Has Risen"

#### **Call for Joys and Concerns**

## Call to Prayer

"Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.



#### **TFWS 2039**

**TFWS 2115** 

#### **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**

"The Stone is Rolled Away" by Johnson

Vale Chancel Choir

## \*Doxology

#### "My Tribute"

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, To God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me; With his power he has raised me; To God be the glory for the things he has done.

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

## Hymn "He Lives"

#### UMH 310

#### 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.

#### NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024

"Favorite Child"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (Blue) TFWS – The Faith We Sing (Black) W&S – Worship and Song (Green)

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Thank you to the United Methodist Women for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers: 10:00 Wayne Applewhite Virtual Judy Jobbitt

#### Sun, Mar 31, Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service*
Worship Service (Virtual)
Adult Sunday School*
Worship Service (In-Person)
Sunday School for Children

#### Mon, Apr 1

7:00 pm Troop 1893 Meeting

#### Tues, Apr 2

7:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting
7:00 pm	Wire Choir

#### Wed, Apr 3

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

#### Sat, Apr 6

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### Sun, Apr 7

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
12:00 pm	Church Clean Up*

\* see announcement for details

#### Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities "Not a Spectator Sport" Mar 31, 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



**Vale Church Spring Cleanup** – On Sunday, April 7th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm we will be having the annual Vale Spring Cleanup. This is a very social event, and almost all of the work is easy mulching, pruning, raking, and leaf



blowing of the planting beds. If you have them, bring rakes, wheelbarrows, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves. We'd love for everybody to come help out and be part of this fellowship, since many hands make light work! Questions? Email ekoefoot@gmail.com.

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.

**Youth Group** – Vale Youth Group will begin meeting in April on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 5-7pm in the youth basement. Any youth currently in 6th through 12th grade is invited to join, and friends are welcome too! We will spend time in fellowship, study, worship and service over the course of our time together. If you have questions, contact Miracle at valedcym@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School – Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for our Adult Sunday School class. For more information, contact Stan Ellis at vvfdeuph@gmail.com or Lee Eisman at leeandlinda@verizon.net.



**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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