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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Parable of the Growing Church”

June 16, 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 lay reader will call out “May the peace of Christ be with you!”*

*Please respond with, “And also with you!”*

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: We believe God will save us in times of trouble.

Many: We believe. Help our unbelief.

One: We know that God has saved us in the past, tending and helping us along the way.

Many: We know what God has done for us. Help us when we forget.

One: We call on God's power when we feel powerless to respond, believing and knowing that God will save.

Many: We believe and we know that God will answer when we call.

One: God, open our hearts today to encounter your love that acts with us and through us to bring flourishing to all of your creation.

Many: We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, who is all-powerful to save. Amen.

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

Many: Triune God, We confess that we don’t always like the way your power works. We blame you for all that goes wrong in the world, and yet we forget that you empower us to resist evil. We want you to help us in exactly the way we ask, and yet we forget that we are not the authors of our own salvation. We say we desire for your kingdom to come, and yet, we forget to listen to your voice calling us to work for the flourishing of our neighbors. Forgive us, Holy Trinity, and free us to cooperate with you in the work of salvation for ourselves, our community, and all of creation. Amen.

One: 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.*



**Prayer for Illumination**

Many: Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Scripture

**Mark 4:26-34**

*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 return to their families.*

## Sermon “Parable of the Growing Church”

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

## Hymn “You Are the Seed”

**UMH 583**

## Call for Joys and Concerns

## Call to Prayer

**TFWS 2056**

**“God Is So Good”**

*God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, God’s so good to me.*

## 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 him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

### **Hymn “We Are the Church”**

**UMH 558 v. 1-4**

# 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 Stan and Margie Koller  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Dorothy Arbiter

Virtual           Suzanne Michaelis

## **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**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 23, 2024

“David and Goliath”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

## **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



Food packing for Neighbors Feeding Neighbors!



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**This Week at Vale: Jun 16 – 23, 2024**

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**Sun, Jun 16**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56061 Meeting

**Tues, Jun 18**

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Sun, Jun 23**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 5:00 pm Youth Group\*

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\* *see announcement for details*

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# Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

June 16, 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)



**Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed** – Interested in feeding fellowship by feeding your fellows? Please sign up on the Vale website to help out.



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**VBS** – Vacation Bible School will take place July 30 - August 1 from 9:30-11:30 am. Visit [valechurch.org](http://valechurch.org) to register now, and invite your friends and neighbors! If you would like to serve and be part of the team providing spiritual growth for children, talk to Miracle or email her at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).



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**Summer Youth Events** – All youth from Vale and Community of Faith UMC & their friends are invited to have some fun this summer. Join us on Sunday, June 23 from 5-7pm at Vale UMC for dinner and water balloons. Also, save the dates for July 28 & August 25 from 5-7pm. For questions or to RSVP, talk to Miracle, [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com)

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**Trustees Report** – Your Vale Trustees have been super-busy the past 6 months. For the highlights of some of our work, visit [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). In the coming months, we plan to add new storage closets in the fellowship hall and kitchen, continue our painting of the exterior of the fellowship hall, and possibly landscape the side of the parking lot. As always, we welcome comments, feedback, and ideas from all church members. This is our shared faith home that we actively use every day while we shepherd it for future generations. Email Eric Koefoot at [ekoefoot@yahoo.com](mailto:ekoefoot@yahoo.com).

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**Adult Sunday School** – The Adult Sunday School group is on hiatus for the summer. For more information, contact Stan Ellis at [vwfdeuph@gmail.com](mailto:vwfdeuph@gmail.com) or Lee Eisman at [leeandlinda@verizon.net](mailto:leeandlinda@verizon.net).



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**Vale Music** – The Vale Chancel, Children's, and Handbell Choirs are now on break for the summer. We hope you enjoyed the Reprise, and we will see you in the fall!

## 2024 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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