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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Forgiveness”

July 21, 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.

“Forgiveness”

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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**

**UMH 807**

**Hymn Sing**

*We invite you to choose a hymn for us to sing  
the first and last verses.*

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Even our best intentions often go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven.

Many: Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control and you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you.

**Many:** We have no right to be called your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Lord, have mercy. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**One:** Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us, and his blood was shed 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.*



## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Many:** Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us. Place Jesus Christ in us so that he is the cornerstone holding us together and making us a sacred place where steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Scripture

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

*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 “Forgiveness”

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

## Hymn “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

**TFWS 2171**

## Call for Joys and Concerns

## Call to Prayer

**TFWS 2164**

### “Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,*

*Pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

## 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**

#### **“Czardas” by V. Monti**

Richard Brewer, violin

### **\*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 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

**UMH 431**

# 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 the Koefoot family  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Terri Lowry

Virtual          Kim Sheard

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 28, 2024

“5000 for Dinner?”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

## **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



Book donation to Twi’Ninwitz school in Guatemala

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**This Week at Vale: Jul 21 – 28, 2024**

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**Sun, Jul 21**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

**Tues, Jul 23**

- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Sun, Jul 28**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Pool Party\*

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\* *see announcement for details*



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

July 21, 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!

**Video Recording Notice** – We occasionally record and publish our worship services. If you do not wish for your image to be shown, please alert the pastor or the church office.



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 Feeny, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)





**Used T-shirt Donation Drive** - Shan Nayar is working on his Eagle Scout project to support Homeward Trails Animal Rescue, and he needs your help! By donating gently used cotton t-shirts, towels, and other items, you can make a big difference in the lives of shelter pups. The t-shirts will be repurposed into toys for the dogs, providing them with much-needed comfort and entertainment.

**How to Donate:**

Drop-off Location: Vale Church, in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

Convenient Pick-up: Email Shan at [Shan@Nayars.com](mailto:Shan@Nayars.com) with your address for a convenient pick-up.

Pick-up Date: July 24th

Your donations will bring joy to many shelter pups. Thank you for your generosity!

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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, July 28th from 5-7pm, when the Mihalak family from CoF will host a pool party at their home with grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, chips and drinks. For the address and to rsvp, email Miracle at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).



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**VBS** - Thank you to the 14 volunteers that were willing to make VBS happen this summer. VBS is important for the faith development of our children and for connecting with the surrounding community. Sadly, we do need to cancel VBS for this year as there were not enough children registered due to schedule conflicts. As we prepare for offering VBS in the future, please share any feedback that might be helpful for us in determining a time and week that might better fit the needs of this community. You can share this feedback with Miracle in person or over email at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com)



**The Closet** - Our next volunteer days at The Closet are Thursday, August 8, Saturday, August 31, and Thursday, September 24. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours or manpower. Shifts are 10-1 and 1-4 pm. If you are unable to make the full 3 hours or specific time slot, you may sign up for just one or two hours (or more) anytime between 10am and 4pm, hours that day; please just note hours you will work. If you can help out, please sign up on the Vale website or on the Missions board in the hallway. The jobs are easy & the organization helps the greater area in so many ways. If you have questions contact Nancy Abramson at [StronachNW@aol.com](mailto:StronachNW@aol.com)

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**Vale Music** - Come one, come all! You are invited to sing or play in one of Vale's several Music groups.

#### **Rehearsals:**

Chancel Choir (ages 14+): Wed 7:30-9pm in the Sanctuary

Handbells (all ages): Sun 11:30-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Children's Choir (ages 4-13): Sun 11-11:30pm in the Sanctuary

Flute Choir (ages 14+): every 2nd & 4th Tue in the Fellowship Hall

All choirs will begin again in the fall - stay tuned for start dates!  
(Flute Choir is continuing to rehearse during the summer)

## 2024 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Bob Lacy, Chair

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