# Vale United Methodist Church



# "Radiant"

March 2, 2025

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



### 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.

#### "Radiant"

#### **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 819** 

\*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"

**UMH 451** 

### **Confession and Pardon**

Lay Reader

One:

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

Many:

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

One:

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. As a called disciple of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Holy Spirit working among God's holy people, I declare your sins forgiven. Turn now with unveiled faces, and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God. 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:

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. Amen.

# Scripture

Luke 9:28-43

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 "Radiant"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Creed UMH 888

# Call for Joys and Concerns

# Call to Prayer

**TFWS 2272** 

# "Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

# **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, have mercy," Please respond with,

"Christ, have mercy."

# 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

**UMH 621** 

### "Be Present at Our Table, Lord"

Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and everywhere adored; Thy creatures bless, and grant that we May feast in paradise with thee.

# \*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. Those who wish to have Communion brought to their seat should notify an usher. Glutenfree elements are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you may cross your hands as you approach.

# **Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Take Our Bread"

**UMH 640** 

#### SENDING FORTH

Transformed by God's presence, we go into the world to serve.

# **Mission and Ministry Opportunities**

# \* Blessing and Charge

### \* Postlude

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! If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour, please contact us at office@valechurch.org

Lay Readers:

10:00 Mike Martin Virtual Judy Jobbitt

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand in spirit or in posture.

### **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025

"Rescue Me"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

### **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



Thank you to all those who volunteer with our Hot Meals program!

### This Week at Vale: Mar 2 - Mar 9, 2025

#### Sun, Mar 2

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
10:15 am Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Children's Choir
11:15 am Handbell Choir
11:15 am FCPS Food Packing\*
2:00 pm GS Troop Meeting

#### Mon, Mar 3

3:00 pm

6:00 pm GS Troop 56122 Meeting 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

### Tues, Mar 4

6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner\*

GS Troop 56061 Meeting

### Wed, Mar 5

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service at CoF\*

### Thurs, Mar 6

5:30 pm Iftar Dinner\*

#### Sun, Mar 9

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
10:15 am Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Children's Choir
11:15 am Handbell Choir
11:45 am Vale Lunch Out\*
1:00 pm GS Troop 40 Event
4:00 pm Youth Group\*

<sup>\*</sup> see announcement for details

### Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport" Mar 2, 2025

#### 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.

**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* 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

FCPS Food Packing – TODAY, Sunday Mar 2nd from 11:15-12:15 we will be packing of food for Fairfax County Public Schools Instructional Services Department. This should only take 1 hour at most to pack 6 items into 200 bags. No age limit for participation. Please take some time after the service to help out!



Pancake Dinner - Join us on Tuesday March 4th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm for a feast before Lent begins! Vale's BSA Scout Troop 1983 are heating up the griddles for the church's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. All are invited to come for this fun

Mardi Gras themed meal. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

Ash Wednesday Service – Join Vale and Community of Faith UMC for an Ash Wednesday service this Wed, March 5 at CoF in Herndon. There will be a pancake dinner at 6pm, and worship starting at 7pm. We hope to see you there for the start of our Lenten season.

Iftar Dinner - The American-Turkish Friendship Association (ATFA) is inviting you to an Iftar dinner at Vale on March 6 at 5:30 pm. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to come together in friendship, share a meal, and learn about the traditions of fasting.



During Ramadan, Muslims do not eat or drink anything from sunrise to sunset. Iftar is the sunset meal in which they break their fast for the day. We will start dinner after 6:08 PM altogether, sharing in the spirit of unity and togetherness. Throughout the event, we encourage everyone to connect, engage in meaningful conversations, and build new friendships with those around the table and beyond. Please reserve your spot using the link on Vale's website.

Youth Group - All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together on Sunday, March 9 from 4-6pm at Vale. Dinner will be provided. Friends and neighbors are welcome. If you have questions or to rsvp, talk with Miracle directly or email her at valedcym@gmail.com



Vale Lunch Out - Our next Vale Lunch Out will be held next Sunday, March 9, at 11:45 at Famous Dave's, located in the Oakton Shopping Center. Separate checks will be given. While reservations are not necessary, the manager would like a "guesstimate" of the

number of guests by Thursday, Mar 6. For questions or to let me know you plan to attend, contact Terri Lowry at 703-620-6632 or via email at tlowry2003@gmail.com. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

Embry Rucker – On Sunday, Mar 16 starting at 9 am in the church kitchen, come help make sandwiches and pack bags for the Embry Rucker Shelter! We will be done by the 10 am service. Sign up to help out on Vale's website. For more information, contact Mary Morran at mmorran 01@gmail.com.

**Preschool Registration** – Registration for Vale's preschool is now open to all families! If you register before March 15, the registration fee is \$125, and afterwards the fee is \$150. To register, or for more information, contact Diane Willard at preschool@valechurch.org.

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