
Vale United Methodist Church



“My Soul Clings”

March 23, 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](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**

UMH 788

***Hymn “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”**

UMH 269

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves as we amend and awaken to who you desire us to be. Let us acknowledge our transgressions in stillness and in silence, so that we may prepare our hearts for change. Please join in the Prayer of Confession.

Many: We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps; yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit in a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill. We are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation

One: God's grace and mercy abounds. God is with us in the change. God's everlasting arms embrace us. Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and set free. 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: We seek you in your word, O God, as though we are searching for water in a dry and weary land. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may this word be to us a rich feast, satisfying the soul. Then with our mouths, we will praise you; and with our lives, we will bless you, our Host and our Hope. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 13:1-9

*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 “My Soul Clings”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn “How Great Thou Art”

UMH 77

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

TFWS 2108

“O How He Loves You and Me”

O how he loves you and me!

O how he loves you and me!

He gave his life. What more could he give?

O how he loves you; O how he loves me;

O how he loves you and me!

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

Special Music

"Come Home" by Courtney

Chancel Choir

***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 "Amazing Grace"

UMH 378 v 1-3, 6

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 the Deppe 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 Lee Eisman

Virtual Tom Feeney

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025

“Steadfast Love”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

RECENTLY AT VALE:



The combined Vale and Community of Faith choirs made our Ash Wednesday service memorable!

This Week at Vale: Mar 23 – Mar 30, 2025

Sun, Mar 23

- 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
- 1:30 pm Tiger Pack 1530 Meeting
- 4:00 pm Youth Group*

Mon, Mar 24

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

Tues, Mar 25

- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, Mar 26

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

Thurs, Mar 27

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Sun, Mar 30

- 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

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Mar 23, 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 Feeny, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Youth Group - All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together TONIGHT from 4-6pm at Community of Faith UMC. 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

Easter Egg Stuffing - Easter is approaching! All are welcome to join us for stuffing on Wednesday, April 2nd at 10am. Our goal is 400 eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Sunday, April 13. If you have questions, you can talk with Miracle directly or email her at valedcym@gmail.com.



Spring Cleanup - On Saturday, April 19th from 9:00 to 11:00 am 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



UMW Retreat - Attention all women of Vale, The Virginia Conference United Women in Faith is hosting a retreat! The Spiritual Life Soul Care Retreat will be held May 2-4 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg. This is an opportunity to remind yourself who the United Women in Faith are and what we accomplish for women, children, and youth. For more information and registration, see the flyer at bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo.

Vale Forever - The Vale Forever Fund Campaign continues to advance thanks to the generosity of our congregation. We announced this special effort just one month ago and have already reached \$350,000 (70%) of our \$500,000 phase one goal. Many thanks to all of you who have already stepped forward with your support, as well as those who are prayerfully considering what you may do. For more information, visit www.valechurch.org/endowment.

Preschool Registration – Registration for Vale’s preschool is now open to all families! Registration fee is \$150. To register, or for more information, contact Diane Willard at preschool@valechurch.org.

Vale and Community of Faith Holy Week Schedule

Sun, Apr 13: Palm Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service (Vale -Virtual)

10:00 am Worship Service (Vale -In-Person)

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (Vale)

Thurs, Apr 17: Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Vale)

Fri, Apr 18: Good Friday

7:00 pm Good Friday Cantata (Floris)

Sun, Apr 20: Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service (CoF)

8:30 am Worship Service (Vale -Virtual)

10:00 am Worship Service (Vale -In-Person)

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (CoF)

Community of Faith UMC

13224 Franklin Farm Rd, Herndon, VA 20171

At the corner of Franklin Farm and Fairfax County Parkway

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