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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Steadfast Love”

March 30, 2025

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.*

**“Steadfast Love”**

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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 766**

**\*Hymn “Grace Greater than Our Sin”**

**UMH 365**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Please join in the Prayer of Confession.

Many: God, we admit that we are prone to try to hide our sins; to keep our mouths shut and hope we are not found out. But there is no place to hide from you. Our silence only makes us sick in body and spirit. But you delight in forgiving us and in healing our sin. You are glad when we confess our failings and our needs. Hide us, O God, from trouble; teach us the way we should go. Deliver us from our own stubbornness, and draw us near, we pray. 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: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Scripture

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."*

*Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

### Special Music

**"Who Built the Ark" by Burkhardt**

Children's Choir

### Children's Moment

*After the Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to their Sunday School class.*

**Sermon "Steadfast Love"**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

**UMH 348**

## Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

UMH 349

#### “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.

### 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, 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

## **Hymn Sing**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”	UMH 152
“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	UMH 431
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”	UMH 240

## **\*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 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”**

**UMH 357 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**

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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 Debbie German and Bob Collum  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

*If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour,  
please contact us at [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org)*

Lay Readers:

10:00 Dorothy Arbiter

Virtual Shira Goodfellow

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, April 6, 2025

“Fill Me with Laughter”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

## **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



Some pruning of branches to help keep our playground safe!

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**This Week at Vale: Mar 30 – Apr 6, 2025**

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**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

**Mon, Mar 31**

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Board Meeting

**Tues, Apr 1**

- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

**Wed, Apr 2**

- 10:00 am **Easter Egg Stuffing\***
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Sat, Apr 5**

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry\*

**Sun, Apr 6**

- 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
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56051 Meeting

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Mar 30, 2025

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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* 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)

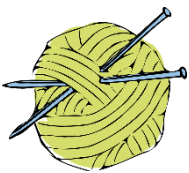


**Easter Egg Stuffing** - Easter is approaching! All are welcome to join us for stuffing this Wednesday, April 2nd at 10am. Our goal is 400 eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Sunday, April 13. If you have questions, you can talk with Miracle directly or email her at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).



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**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](mailto:ekoefoot@gmail.com)



**Prayer Shawl Ministry** -Join us on April 5 at 10:30 am in the Resource Room to knit and crochet for ministry! We will be making prayer shawls for those that are sick, hats and scarves for Operation Gratitude, and baptismal blankets for our newest Vale members. All experience levels are welcome, and lessons are available for those that need it. For more information, contact Margie Koller at [kollermargie@gmail.com](mailto:kollermargie@gmail.com).

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**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 \$375,000 (75%) 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](http://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](mailto:preschool@valechurch.org).



**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](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo).

### **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

## 2025 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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