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# *Vale United Methodist Church*

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## **“Open the Gates”**

April 13, 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://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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**“Open the Gates”**

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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 764**

**\*Hymn “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

**UMH 278**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

Many: Merciful God, with the psalmist, we declare, “Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!” But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. With the crowds, we proclaim, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” But we neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven. We refuse to listen to your command to love our neighbors as you love us.

Many: Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love. 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: Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## Scripture

**Luke 23:1-49**

*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 "Open the Gates"

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

## Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**UMH 280**

## Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

TFWS 2108

“Oh, 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](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**

## **Special Music**

**"Hosanna to the Son of David" by Pote**

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 "Who Is He"**

**W&S 3082**

# 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 Rigger family  
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            Bette Rutherford

Virtual         Judy Jobbitt

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

“Steadfast Love: A New Cut”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

## **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



Thank you to everyone who helped us stuff eggs for our Easter egg hunt!

*If you have a picture you would like to share, send it to  
[office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org)*

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## This Week at Vale: Apr 13 – Apr 20, 2025

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### Sun, Apr 13

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt\***
- 4:00 pm Youth Group\*

### Mon, Apr 14

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

### Tues, Apr 15

- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

### Wed, Apr 16

- 6:30 pm GS Troop 56034
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thurs, Apr 17

- 1:00 pm UMW Meeting
- 6:00 pm Soup and Salad Supper (Vale)\*
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Vale)\***

### Fri, Apr 18

- 7:00 pm Good Friday Cantata (Floris)

### Sat, Apr 19

- 9:00 am Spring Clean Up\***

### Sun, Apr 20

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service (CoF)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*"Not a Spectator Sport"*

**Apr13, 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 Feeney, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)



**Easter Egg Hunt** – Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt after worship TODAY, April 13. Friends and neighbors are welcome! 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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**Youth Group** – All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together TONIGHT, April 13 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](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)

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**Bingo Night** – On May 4th, you are invited to join the youth group for their Bingo Night fundraiser event! Join us in the Vale Fellowship Hall from 4-6pm for Bingo, a bake sale, and raffle. Donations will support youth who want to attend the Harvest of Hope mission trip this summer, as well as future youth endeavors. This is open to all - Vale, COF, friends, neighbors, and all Bingo enthusiasts! Let us know you plan to attend by clicking the link on Vale's webpage.

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**Vale Forever** – The Vale Forever Campaign has raised \$422,250 – nearly 85% of our phase one goal! This is great progress towards the goal of \$500,000 by June. As we enter Holy week, we reflect on our faith and the journey the Lord took for us and life everlasting. Let us also reflect on how Vale has supported you and your family as your faith home. Thank you to all who have already supported Vale Forever. We know others are prayerfully considering your participation for this special endowment effort to keep our faith home sturdy and our programs vibrant today and in the future. To give directly, go to PushPay and select Vale Forever. For questions, please contact Tom Feeney at [finsec@valechurch.org](mailto:finsec@valechurch.org), Judy Jobbitt at [jjobbitt@msn.com](mailto:jjobbitt@msn.com), or visit [www.valechurch.org/endowment](http://www.valechurch.org/endowment).

**Welcome Melanie** – Vale's Administrative Assistant position has been filled: Melanie Emerick accepted our offer! Melanie comes to Vale with extensive administrative/accounting experience. Her most recent position was a Critical Care Unit Secretary at Reston Hospital. Melanie and her family reside in Herndon and attended Bruen Chapel UMC, Fairfax, VA in the past. One of Melanie's references said that “Melanie was a blessing to everyone around her.” We are sure she will be a blessing to the Vale community. Melanie's first official day at Vale will be Tuesday, April 22nd. When you see her in the office, please poke your head in and welcome Melanie to our Vale family!

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**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).

### **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)

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#### **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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