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# *Vale & Community of Faith United Methodist Church*

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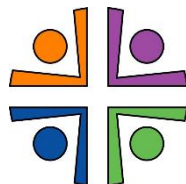
## **“Love One Another”**

April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday



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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 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 837**

**\*Hymn “What Wondrous Love is This”    UMH 292**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

Many:      Merciful, Mighty, Matchless One, You have loved us to the end. There was betrayal in our hearts, yet you loved us anyway. You knew we would deny you, yet you loved us anyway. In our selfishness, we balked, we objected, we disapproved, yet you loved us anyway. We sought to point the finger at anyone other than ourselves, yet you loved us anyway. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our healing convictions, restore our call to service, rekindle our flame for justice, that we may once again become your people of peace.

One: Receive the good news. The One who created us has called us. There is now no condemnation, no shame at the table of God. Only the love that makes us whole again. Only the love we offer others. 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: God of Exodus and Resurrection, you have promised to write your law on our hearts. As we hear the reading of your Word, teach us your law of love, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may show forth the light of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### **Scripture**

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

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

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

**Sermon "Love One Another"**

**Rev. Abi Foerster**

**Hymn "Lamb of God"**

**TFWS 2113**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**“Jesu, Jesu”**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbors we have from you.

## Prayers of the People

*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

**“And When It Was Evening” by Dengler/Litton**

Vale and Community of Faith Combined Choirs

## **\*Doxology**

**TFWS 2108**

### **“O How He Loves You and Me”**

Jesus to Calv’ry did go; his love for sinners to show.

What he did there brought hope from despair.

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

O how he loves you and me!

## **\*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. Gluten-free 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**

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Hymn “Were You There?”**

**UMH 288**

# 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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## **Vale and Community of Faith Holy Week Schedule**

### **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)

10:00 am Worship Service (CoF - Virtual)

10:00 am Worship Service (CoF - 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

[www.cofumc.org](http://www.cofumc.org)

**Community Connections Weekend** – June 20-22, join Vale and Community of Faith for a weekend of spiritual growth! We will have a block party cookout on Friday with guest speakers and learning opportunities for all ages. Saturday will be a day of service with multiple hands-on ways to serve in our community in the morning or afternoon. Finally on Sunday, we will have a worship service at a local park at 10 am. Registration opens on May 11, \$10 per person or \$30 per family. We hope you will join us!

## Worship Team:

Jeff Haugh – Pastor, Vale UMC

Abi Foerster – Pastor, Community Of Faith UMC

Joanna Dietz – Deacon, Community of Faith UMC

Jan Smith – Music Director, Vale UMC

Mary Ann East – Music Ministries Director, Community  
of Faith UMC

Norm Dietz – Organist, Vale UMC



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