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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Steadfast Love: A New Cut”

April 20, 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.

**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 839**

**\*Hymn**

**“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”**

**UMH 304**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we see our own death, we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness. And we remember how we have treated other people— members of our family, friends, and neighbors. Let us confess our sins together.

Many: Lord, we come to your tomb, we see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children, the guilt of war on our hands, and we know that collectively we share in those injustices.

**Many:** Lord, we come to the empty tomb, we search within ourselves, and we cannot escape what we are: people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing. There is a deep sense of loneliness and a frustration of what we would be, but are not.

**Many:** Lord, we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you our pain, and look to you for hope.

**Many:** Lord, we come to the empty tomb, for we are empty ourselves.

**One:** People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb? Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you uncomfortable here?

**Many:** Our wounds are deep, we have turned away from Jesus, we have broken with him, but we need his fellowship.

**One:** Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now. 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:** Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Scripture

**John 20:1-18**

*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

**“Steadfast Love: A New Cut”**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**Hymn “Up From the Grave He Arose”**

**UMH 322**

## Call for Joys and Concerns

## Call to Prayer

**UMH 328**

**“Surely the Presence of the Lord”**

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

## 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**

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” arr. Hoelscher**

Chancel Choir

Greg Smith, trumpet

### **\*Doxology**

**UMH 308**

**“Thine Be the Glory”**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

### **\*Blessing of the Offerings**

**Hymn “He Lives”**

**UMH 310**

# SENDING FORTH

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

## Mission and Ministry Opportunities

### \* Blessing and Charge

One: He is risen.

Many: He is risen indeed!

### \* 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 United Methodist Women  
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 Tom Feeney

Virtual Tom Feeney

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2025

“Jesus Comes to Dinner”

Rev. Kelly Kargas

## **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



Fun and community at Vale's 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 20 – Apr 27, 2025**

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**Sun, Apr 20**

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service (CoF)
- 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 Easter Egg Hunt (CoF)

**Mon, Apr 21**

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

**Tues, Apr 22**

- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Wed, Apr 23**

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thurs, Apr 24**

- 4:00 pm GS Troop 56051 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

**Sun, Apr 27**

- 7:30 am **Youth Group (CoF)\***
- 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

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\* *see announcement for details*



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Apr 20, 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)





**Rise Against Hunger at CoF** – All youth are invited to participate in Rise Against Hunger at Community of Faith UMC on April 27th from 7:30am to 12:30pm. This is our youth gathering for the day, so we will **not** have our normal meeting from 4-6pm. Service hours can be earned, just be sure to sign in when you arrive and sign out before you leave. If you have any questions, please ask Miracle directly or email her at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com) Sign up by going to [cofumc.org](http://cofumc.org).

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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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**Tree Sales Debrief** – For all who participated in our tree sales, thank you! If you have thoughts on ways we can improve these activities, please join us on Thursday night, May 15 at 7:00 pm for an evaluation and reflection. If you have any questions, ask Mike Martin at [mike.vumc@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.vumc@yahoo.com).



**Vale Forever** – The Vale Forever Fund Campaign is pushing towards our minimum goal of \$500,000 pledged commitments by June. On this special Easter day, Vale Forever's progress is thanks to the significant generosity of our congregation. For those not yet aware, the Vale Forever Fund Campaign is creating an endowment and, ultimately, seeking at least \$1.5 million over the coming years. The fund will be for expenses that our general operating budget and mission gifts do not cover. This includes major capital expenses (facilities and grounds) as well as seed funding for new Christian education programs. Many thanks to all of you who have already stepped forward with your support as well as those who are considering what you may do. For more information about The Vale Forever Fund Campaign, please go to: [valechurch.org/endowment](http://valechurch.org/endowment)

**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 Frying Pan Park at 10 am. Registration opens on May 11, \$10 per person or \$30 per family. We hope you will join us!

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**Welcome Melanie** - Vale's Administrative Assistant position has been filled: Melanie Emerick accepted our offer! Melanie comes to Vale with extensive administrative/bookkeeping 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!

## 2025 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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