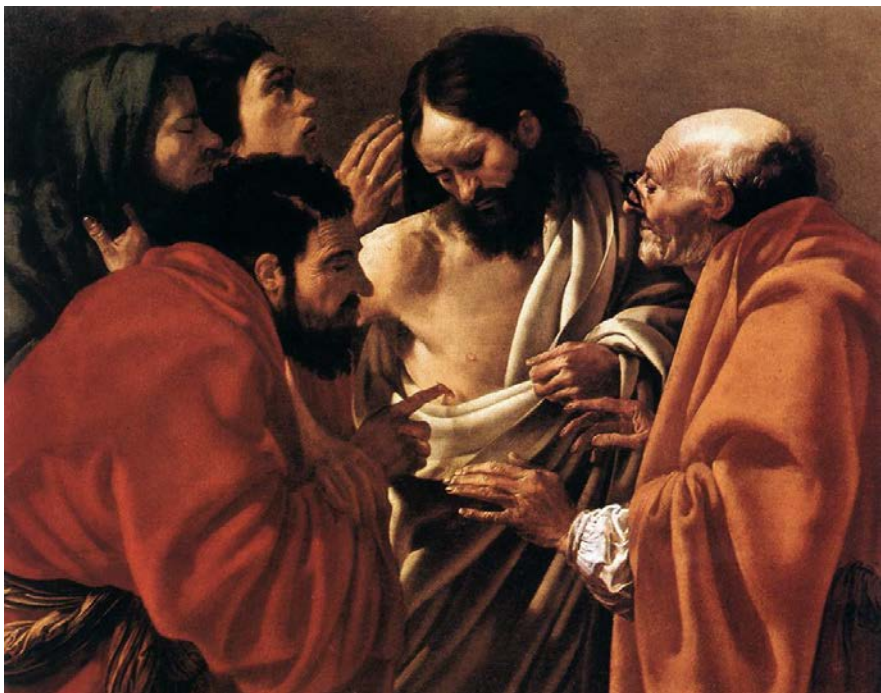

Vale United Methodist Church



“Jesus Comes to Dinner”

April 27, 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.

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 862

***Hymn “Christ Has Risen”**

TFWS 2115

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives. Please join in the Prayer of Confession.

Many: God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen

One: My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy; share that peace with one another, for 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: Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

Scripture

John 20:19-31

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

“Jesus Comes to Dinner”

Rev. Kelly Karges

Hymn “In the Garden”

UMH 314

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

After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by

“Lord, in your mercy,” Please respond with,

“Hear our prayer”

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

*Doxology

UMH 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessing 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

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH 302, v1-4

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 Judy Jobbitt and Tom Mashall
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 Bob Lacy

Virtual Deppe family

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025

“Empty Net Syndrome”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

RECENTLY AT VALE:



Thank you to everyone who helped with our spring church clean-up!

*If you have a picture you would like to share, send it to
office@valechurch.org*

This Week at Vale: Apr 27 – May 4, 2025

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

Mon, Apr 28

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

Tues, Apr 29

- 5:30 pm GS Troop 56130
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Wed, Apr 30

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

Fri, May 2

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study*

Sat, May 3

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sun, May 4

- 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
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 4:00 pm Bingo Night Fundraiser*

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Apr 27, 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 Feeney, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



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.



The Closet – Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Thursday, May 8. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours of manpower. Shifts are 10-1 and 1-4 pm. This is a great opportunity for high school students who are out of school and want service hours to participate. There are plenty of fun and easy jobs. If you can help out, please sign up on Vale's SignUp Genius page, or on the Missions board in the hallway. If you have questions contact Nancy Abramson at StronachNW@aol.com.

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.

Woman's Bible Study – The Women's Bible Study group will be reading "How We Learn to Be Brave" by Mariann Edgar Budde beginning May 2 from 9:30-10:30 am. You are invited to join us in reflecting upon how our beliefs should motivate us to respond in uncertain times. This study shares biblical foundations, history, personal experience, and pop culture to direct our responses. The study will be 8 weeks long, beginning with the introduction on May 2. If you would like to join us, please contact Joanna Dietz at icarryatune@gmail.com and she will send you the Zoom link for this online study.

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!



Vale Forever – The Vale Forever Fund Campaign is pushing towards our minimum goal of \$500,000 pledged commitments by June. 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

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