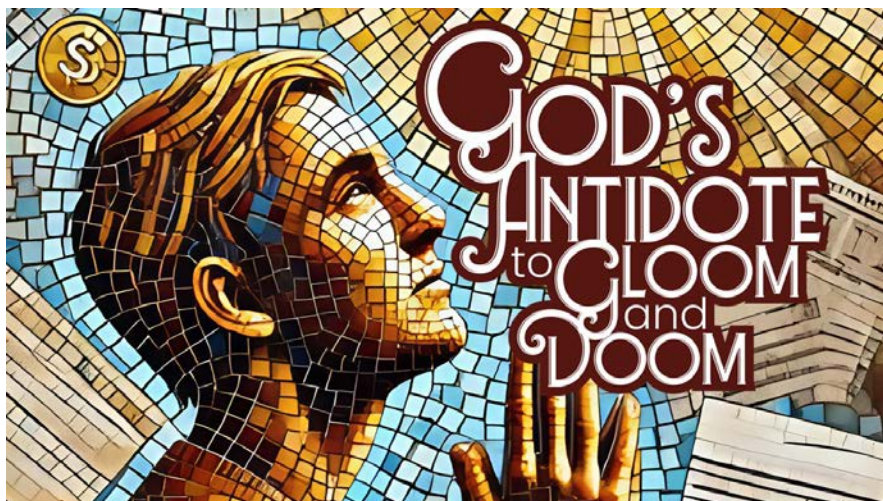


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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“God’s Antidote to Gloom and Doom”**

June 8, 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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**Pentecost Sunday**

**June 8, 2025**

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**God's Antidote to Gloom and Doom**

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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**

**Wire Choir**

**"Little Bird of Heaven"**

*The words are found in your bulletin*

**Calling on God**

**Psalm 104**

**UMH 826**

**Hymn**

**Wire Choir**

**"Lord, Build Me a Cabin"**

*The words are found in your bulletin*

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Our sister Julian of Norwich spoke these words of faith: "All people who shall be saved, while we are in this world, have in us a marvelous mixture of both well-being and woe. We have in us our risen Lord Jesus; we have in us the misery of the harm of Adam's falling and dying. We are steadfastly protected by Christ, and by the touch of his grace we are raised into sure trust of salvation. And by Adam's fall our perceptions are so shattered in various ways, by sins and by different sufferings, that we are so darkened and blinded that we can

hardly find any comfort.” In the strong assurance of pardon, let us confess our sin.

**Many:** Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**One:** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. By the power in whom we live and move and have our being, I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins, 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:** Holy Wisdom you are the pillar of fire that leads us into each new moment of our lives. By the power of your Spirit, settle now into our hearts and illuminate your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture** **Romans 8:14-17 (NRSV)**

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

*Please respond with “**Thanks be to God.**”*

**Presentation of Scholarships**

**Kim Haugh**

**Recognition of Teachers**

**Miracle Ryder and Jeff**

**Children's Moment**

*After the Children's Moment,  
the children are asked to return to their seats with their families.*

**Sermon**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**“God’s Antidote to Gloom and Doom”**

**Hymn**

**Wire Choir**

**“Won’t You Come Sing for Me”**

*The words are found in your bulletin*

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**UMH 473**

**“Lead Me, Lord”**

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
Make thy way plain before my face.*

**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, 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

**Special Music**

**Wire Choir**

**"I Am a Pilgrim"**

*The words are found in your bulletin*

**Doxology**

**UMH 95**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings 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**

**Wire Choir**

**"Keep on the Sunny Side"**

*The words are found in your bulletin*

**SENDING FORTH**

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

## Mission and Ministry Opportunities

## Blessing and Charge

**Postlude**

**Wire Choir**

**"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"**

*The words are found in your bulletin*

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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)

## **Music:**

### **“Little Bird of Heaven”:**

I let out from your back door  
Kicked an old can fifty miles or more  
Written right there on the side of the can  
“There’s a little bird of heaven right here in your hand”  
I looked up and I looked back  
Walked a hundred miles on the railroad track  
All’s I can tell from where I stand  
There’s a little bird of heaven right here in my hand  
Well love they tell me is a fragile thing  
It’s hard to fly on broken wings  
I lost my ticket to the promised land  
Little bird of heaven right here in my hand  
So toss it up or pass it around  
Pay no mind to what you’re carryin’ round  
Or keep it close, hold it while you can  
There’s a little bird of heaven right here in your hand  
Fallen hearts and fallen leaves  
Starlings light on the broken trees  
I find we all need a place to land  
Little bird of heaven right here in your hand.

## **“Lord, Build Me a Cabin”**

Many years I've been lookin' for a place to call home  
But I've failed here to find it, so I must travel on;  
I don't care for fine mansions on earth's sinkin' sand  
Lord, build me a cabin in the corner of glory land  
[CHORUS:]

Lord, build me a cabin in the corner of glory land  
In the shade of the tree of life that it may ever stand  
Where I can just hear the angels sing and shake Jesus'  
hand

Lord, build me a cabin the corner of glory land  
Listen Lord, I'm not asking to live in the midst  
For I know I'm not worthy of such splendor as this  
But I'm asking for mercy while humbly I stand  
Lord, build me a cabin in the corner of glory land  
[CHORUS]

I have many loved ones who have gone on this way  
On that great final morning shall I hear them say  
Come and join in the singin' and play in our band  
Lord, build me a cabin in the corner of glory land  
Lord, build me a cabin in the corner of glory land

## **“Won't You Come Sing for Me”**

I feel the shadows now upon me,  
And the angels beckon me.  
Before I go, dear sisters and brothers,  
Won't you come and sing for me?  
[CHORUS]

Sing those hymns we sang together,  
That plain little church with the benches all worn.  
How dear to my heart, how precious the moments  
We stood shaking hands and singing a song  
My burden is heavy, my way has grown weary,  
I have traveled a road that is long.  
And it would warm this old heart, my brother,  
If you'd come and sing one song.

[CHORUS]

In my home beyond that dark river,  
Your sweet faces no more I will see.  
Until we meet where there's no more sad parting,  
Won't you come and sing with me?

[CHORUS]

### **“I am a Pilgrim”**

[CHORUS]

I am a pilgrim and a stranger  
Travelling through this wearisome land  
I've got a home in that yonder city, good Lord  
And it's not... not made by hand  
I've got a mother, sister and a brother  
Who have gone this way before  
I am determined to go and see them, good Lord  
Over on... that other shore

[CHORUS]

I'm going down to the river of Jordan  
Just to bathe my wearisome soul  
If I can just touch the hem of his garment, good Lord  
Then I know...he'd take me home

[CHORUS and repeat last line of chorus]

### **“Keep on the Sunny Side”**

There's a dark and a troubled side of life.  
There's a bright and a sunny side too.  
Though you meet with the darkness and strife,  
The sunny side may also find you.

[CHORUS]

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side,  
Keep on the sunny side of life.  
It will help us ev'ry day, it will brighten all the way  
If we keep on the sunny side of life.  
Oh, the storm and its fury broke today,  
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear.



Clouds and storms will in time pass away,  
The sun again will shine bright and clear.

[CHORUS]

Let us greet with a song of hope each day,  
Though the moment be cloudy or fair.

Let us trust in our Savior away,  
Who keepeth ev'ryone in His care.

[CHORUS]

### **“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”**

I was standing by my window  
On a cold and cloudy day  
When I saw the hearse come rolling  
For to carry my mother away

[CHORUS]

Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by Lord, by and by,  
There's a better home a-waiting  
In the sky Lord, in the sky

Well, I told the undertaker  
“Undertaker, please drive slow  
For that body you are carrying  
Lord, I hate to see her go”

[CHORUS]

Oh, I followed close behind her  
Tried to hold up and be brave  
But I could not hide my sorrow  
When they laid her in the grave

[CHORUS]

Went back home, Lord, my home was lonesome  
Since my mother, she was gone  
All my brothers, sisters crying  
What a home, so sad and alone

[CHORUS X 2]

Thank you to Bob Collum and Debbie German 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

8:30 Virtual Deppe Family

10:00 Bob Lacy

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025

“Humility and the Trinity”

Rev. Jeff Haugh



**RECENTLY AT VALE: We welcomed our newest member!**

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## This Week at Vale: June 8 – June 15, 2025

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### Sun, June 8

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)  
10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)  
11:30 am Hand bell Choir  
4:00 pm Youth Group (Vale)\*

### Mon, June 9

7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

### Tues, June 10

7:00 pm Flute Choir

### Wed, June 11

7:00 pm Wire Choir

### Thurs, June 12

### Fri, June 13

Women's Bible Study (Virtual) \*next 6-20

### Sat, June 14

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry\*

### Sun, June 15

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)  
10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)  
11:30 am Hand Bell Choir

*\*see announcement for details*

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Vale Mission and Ministry  
Opportunities  
*"Not a Spectator Sport"*  
June 8, 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)



**Youth Group** –All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together on Sunday, June 8 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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**Jeff and Kim Haugh's Farewell** ~ Mark your calendars now to attend a Farewell Potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall after church service on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this opportunity to extend our blessings and good wishes to Jeff and Kim as they leave Vale to serve another church family. Everyone is welcome!

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**Summer Sunday School for children:** Our Vale teachers will take a summer break. Sunday School will be offered on the following Sundays this summer: June 22 at the Community Connections Weekend, June 29, July 13, July 27, and August 10. Join us on Sunday, August 24 for Blessing of the Backpacks and our return to regular Sunday School each week. On the Sundays that children do not have Sunday School, there will be extra coloring pages or worship bulletins provided for children who remain in worship. The nursery will be available each week.

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Vale's Prayer Shawl ministry will be meeting again Saturday June 14 at 10:30 am in the Resource Room. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. We offer supplies and instructions for those who want to learn knitting or crocheting for this giving ministry. We have many projects we need to work upon: Prayer Shawls, Prayer Squares, ornaments for the Christmas tree event as well as scarves and hats for Operation Gratitude.”

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**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 Walker Nature Center at 10 am. Registration now open, \$10 per person or \$30 per family at <https://bit.ly/valeconnections25>. We hope you will join us!



**Flood Buckets** - One of the service events for our Community Connections weekend (June 20-22) is to pack 100 flood buckets (filled with cleaning supplies) for victims of natural disasters. The packing will be done at Vale on Saturday, June 21. The buckets will then be delivered to the UMCOR warehouse to be distributed as needed. The cost of supplies per bucket is about \$75.00. Donations to support this important outreach would be greatly appreciated. Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/valebuckets> If you have any questions, you can contact the church or Linda Chrosniak, Missions chair. Mike Martin has graciously agree to oversee much of this event, as he did in the fall. Thank you, Mike and everyone ahead of time.

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**Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed** - Sponsoring a fellowship hour is an easy and meaningful way to contribute to the vibrant community we call Vale. Slots are available now and throughout the summer! Please sign up on Vale's SignUp Genius page.

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**Your Input!** Vale Church is conducting a survey of all attendees of Vale Church - whether you are a formal member or not. We are trying to understand how people find us, what they are looking for at Vale Church, and how we can do better. This is a very short survey, and it should take you less than 4 minutes to complete. It is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G5Z8SJ8> or at the QR. Questions? Ask Stephanie Marshall at [sbauermarshall@gmail.com](mailto:sbauermarshall@gmail.com). Please take the time to complete the survey today!

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**Guys-Night- Out:** A growing group of men here at Vale have been gathering monthly to have Guys Night Out. (Occasionally we bring the fairer gender too!) Among our outings, we've gone bowling, raced go-karts, hiked the Billy Goat Trail, gone to a comedy club, and hit at Top Golf. ALL men of Vale are invited to join the email list to be invited to these outings. You can join us for however many (or few) outings that interest you. To get your name on the email list, just send an email to **Eric Koefoot** at [ekoefoot@yahoo.com](mailto:ekoefoot@yahoo.com) with the subject "Guys Night Out" - please include your cell phone number as well.

**Woman's Bible Study** – The Women's Bible Study group is reading *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde. It meets Friday mornings 9:30 to 10:30, on Zoom. 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. If you would like to join us, please contact Joanna Dietz at [icarryatune@gmail.com](mailto:icarryatune@gmail.com) and she will send you the Zoom link for this online study. Next meeting will be June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**Photo Directory** - We'd like to help our new pastor with a new photo directory. If you send individual photos to [Office@valechurch.org](mailto:Office@valechurch.org), it would help out. Please label your pictures with your name.

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### **Guatemala Mission Trip 2025-**

Our Guatemala Mission Trip is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this wonderful opportunity. Contact Deb Cohen at [drdebcohen@gmail.com](mailto:drdebcohen@gmail.com) if you have questions.

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**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](http://valechurch.org/endowment).

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