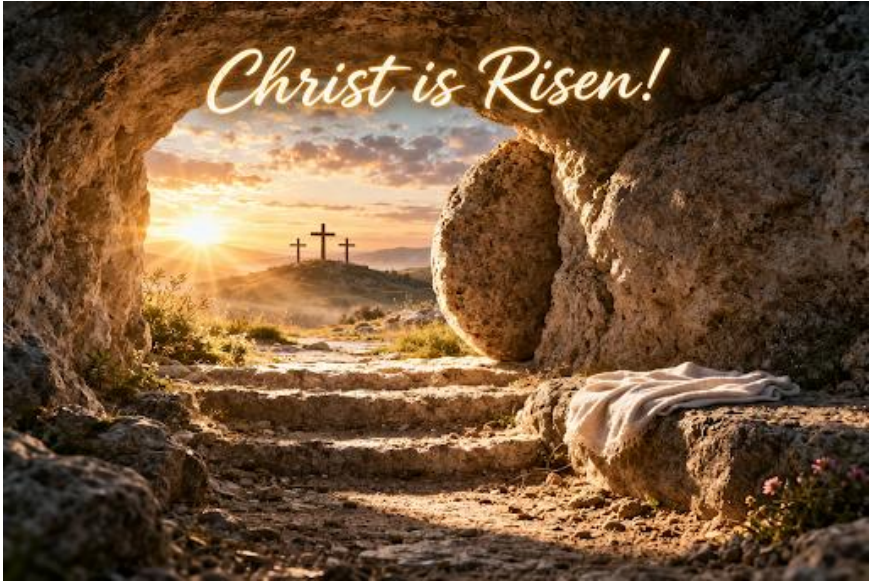

Vale United Methodist Church



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

www.ValeChurch.org

In Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Worship at 8:30 a.m.

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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.

Easter Sunday

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“From Executioner to Gardener”

GATHERING

We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

Welcome

The Peace

From your seat, please offer your neighbors the peace of Jesus Christ.

*The liturgist will call out “**May the peace of Christ be with you!**”*

*Please respond with, “**And also with you!**”*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

One: Hold your head high, Christ has risen! Death has been conquered. Christ has restored us to new life. All that is broken has been made whole.

Many: **Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?**

One: Hold your head high, Christ has risen! From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark Friday, passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter. We know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together.

Many: **By the power of God, the cross could not defeat Christ. The tomb could not hold him.**

One: Hold your head high, Christ has risen! Carry forward God's healing. Carry it to a world where truth and justice triumph over evil and oppression. You have been called out of death and into new life!

Many: Rejoice! Life bursts through death. Jesus Christ is alive for evermore! Alleluia!

***Hymn** **UMH 302, vs 1-4**
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Confession and Pardon

Many: O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care.

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: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture

I Corinthians 15:51-57

*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 asked to return to their seats with their families.

Sermon

Rev Yun Kim

“From Executioner to Gardener”

Hymn “He Lives”

UMH 310

Call for Joys and Concerns

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

Special Music

“Risen Indeed!” Johnson

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

COMMUNION

In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257-a

(Sing)

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord

TFWS 2257-b

(Sing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord;

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died, Christ is risen

TFWS 2257-c

(Sing)

Christ has died, Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Amen, Amen, Amen

TFWS 2257-d

(Sing)

Amen, Amen, Amen

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

***Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH 322**

SENDING FORTH

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

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

* Blessing and Charge

The Flowering of the Cross

As we go out today, **you are invited** to take part in the **Flowering of the Cross**. You are welcome to place a flower on the cross as a sign of hope and new life.

* 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 the **United Methodist Women**
for providing our coffee hour refreshments!

Lay Reader: 8:30 am virtual and 10:00am Kim Sheard

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026

“Ordinary Days” Rev. Yun Kim

This Week at Vale: Apr 5 – 12, 2026

Sun, Apr 5, Easter

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service
- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Easter Worship Service (In-Person)

Tues, Apr 7

- 7:00 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting
- 7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting (virtual)

Wed, Apr 8

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

Thurs, Apr 9

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri, Apr 10

- 1:00 pm Girl Scout Cadettes meeting

Sat, Apr 11

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 12:30 pm Service Unit 56-1

Sun, Apr 12

- 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
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee*
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 11:30 am Yard Sale Planning*
- 11:45 am Vale Lunch Out*
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 56051

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

April 5, 2026

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!



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”

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 Feeny, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Prayer Shawl Ministry – Our next meeting will be held April 11 at 10:30am in the Vale Resource Room.

Yard Sale, first Saturday in June! – Planning for this summer's June 6th Yard Sale on will begin on Sunday, April 12th at 11:30 AM in the resource room. Grab some refreshments and join us. The meeting will last 30 minutes and will outline how the Yard Sale will be organized this year, get input from past volunteers, and begin to set up area heads and manpower needs. For any questions, you can contact Bob at Robertklacy@gmail.com

Preschool Registration – Registration for Vale's preschool is now open! To register or for more information, contact Diane Willard at preschool@valechurch.org.

Vale Ladies Brunch – is held at the Silver Diner on the corner of West Ox Road and Fair Lakes Parkway. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month for fellowship and support. Our next meet-up is Tuesday, April 7th. All women of the church are welcome. Please contact Linda Heflin at hefhl@verizon.net or by phone at 703-620-2571 if you would like to join us so that we make sure to save a seat for you at the table.

Vale Lunch Out – will be held on Sunday, April 12, at 11:45 am, at Famous Dave's in the Oakton Shopping Center. ALL ARE WELCOME. Separate checks will be given. While reservations are not necessary, the manager would like to have a general idea of how many guests to expect. Please contact Terri Lowry at 703-620-6632 or via email at tlowry2003@gmail.com. to make a reservation or ask questions about the event.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – We meet each Wednesday at 10 am, in the Resource Room and via Zoom. For more information, contact Pastor Yun at pastor@valechurch.org

Adult Sunday School – Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for our Adult Sunday School class. For more information, contact Lee Eisman at leeandlinda@verizon.net.

Scholarship Committee – Looking for a new way to participate in the life of Vale? We are seeking volunteers to help select scholarship recipients. The commitment is a few hours in the late April / early May timeframe. If you are available and interested, please send a note to Office@valechurch.org.

Vale Scholarship Application 2026 – Vale Scholarship Committee is accepting scholarship applications from High School seniors and those continuing their college education. Scholarships are given in memory of Bill DuBois, Ed Lowry, Ellenor DuBois, and Marilyn Haas and other saints of the church. The submission deadline is May 1st. Please email the church office at office@valechurch.org for more information and an application.

Blessing of the Animals – The Blessing of the Animals will be May 17 at 1:00 pm. We will be celebrating all the creatures of this world in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a photographer for you to make a special memory with your pet. Bring your furry, scaly, and feathered friends! If your pet can't make it, you may also bring a photo.

Laser Tag – at UltraZone in Bailey's Crossroads, Saturday April 25, 6:00-8:00pm: Get ready for an epic night out! The Luminary Youth Group is heading to laser tag on April 25th from 6:00–8:00 pm for an evening of fun! Whether you're a laser tag pro or trying it for the first time, this is the perfect chance to hang out, team up, and have a blast. RSVP by April 22nd to reserve your spot! Students or parents can email Cayla at valedcym@gmail.com.

Luminary Youth Hike and Picnic Lunch – is scheduled for Sunday May 3rd, 12:00pm-2:00pm: The Luminary Youth Group is heading out for a hike and picnic on May 3rd! We'll meet at the church at 12:00 pm and spend the afternoon enjoying nature, good conversation, and time together before wrapping up at 2:00pm. Be sure to bring a packed lunch for our picnic along the way and don't forget comfortable shoes and a water bottle.

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