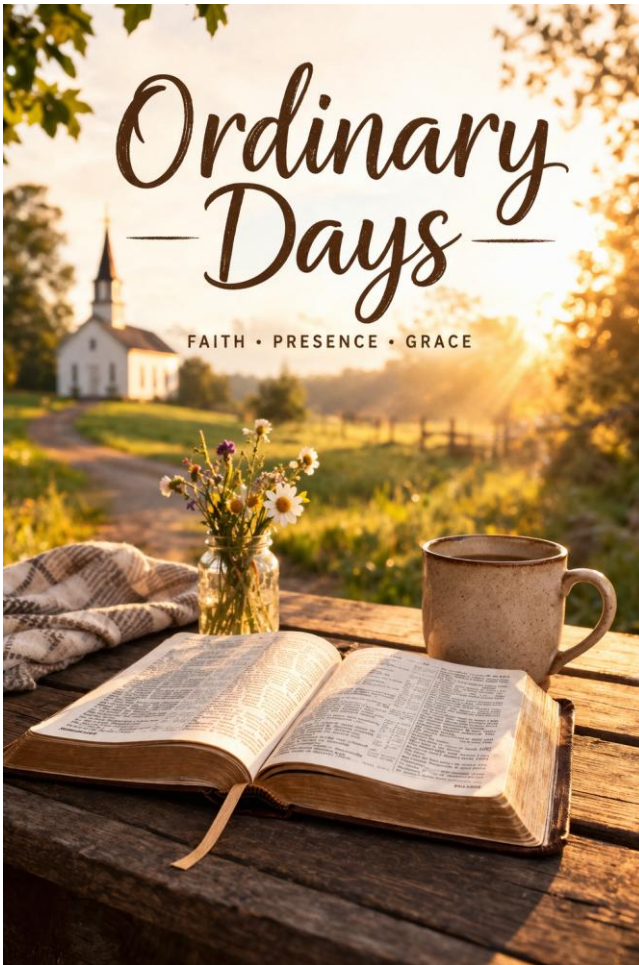


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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## Ordinary — Days —

FAITH • PRESENCE • GRACE

April 12, 2026

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

8:30 am (virtual) worship & 10:00 am Worship

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



**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.*

*\*Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

### 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

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Many: **Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

One: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubts of others.

Many: **Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

One: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

Many: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

**\*Hymn**

**UMH 304**

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

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: God’s mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God’s grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

Many: Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that impedes us, the ignorance that hinders us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us.

One: Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Many: Alleluia! Amen.

**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

*We hear God’s word proclaimed. We act in response.*



**Scripture**

**I Samuel 1:4-11**

*The reading will end with “A word of God that is still speaking.”  
Please respond with “Thanks be to God.”*

## Prayer for Illumination

Many: Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Children's Moment

*After the Children's Moment, children will be invited to go to their Sunday School classes.*

**Sermon** "Ordinary Days" Rev. Yun Kim

**\*Hymn** "Trust and Obey" UMH 467

## Call for Joys and Concerns

## 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**

**“All Things Bright and Beautiful” - Rutter**  
Vale 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**

### **\*Hymn**

**“Christ Is Risen”**

**UMH 307**

### **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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Thank you to Debbie German and Bob Collum  
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 Pat Gibson

Virtual Bette Rutherford

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2026

**“Courage To Be”**

Rev. Yun Kim



The Blue Man Crew showed up and got it done. Thank you  
for serving our church with excellence!

*“Do this in remembrance of me.”* A meaningful moment of communion shared in faith. At the table, we find belonging, grace, and the gentle presence of Christ among us.



A beautiful blend of voices and faith, sharing the joy of worship through song.

*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 12 – Apr 19, 2026**

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**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 Sunday School for Children
- 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

**Mon, Apr 13**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1893. Scouts BSA

**Tues, Apr 14**

- 10:00 am Vale Book Club (Virtual)
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Wed, Apr 15**

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

**Thurs, Apr 16**

- 1:00 pm UMW Meeting\*

**Fri, Apr 17**

- 11:00 am Funeral

**Sun, Apr 19**

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\* see announcement for details

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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*"Your presence matters"*

Apr 12, 2026

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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 Vale Church community!

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.

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**Enjoy today's message?** – Services can also be found on YouTube and Facebook by searching for “Vale United Methodist Church”.

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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, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)



**United Methodist Women** – All ladies of the church are invited to the UMW meeting, Thursday, April 16, in the Resource Room, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Please join us to plan for upcoming events and fun times!

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**Yard Sale, first Saturday in June!** – Planning for this summer’s June 6th Yard Sale on will begin *TODAY* 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.

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**Vale Lunch Out** – will be held *TODAY* at 11:45 am, at Famous Dave’s in the Oakton Shopping Center. All are welcome. Separate checks will be given.

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**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](mailto:office@valechurch.org) for more information and an application.

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**The Closet** – Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Saturday, **April 18**. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours of manpower. If you can help out, please sign up on Vale’s SignUp Genius page, or call the office. The jobs are easy and the Closet helps the greater area in so many ways. Please contact Nancy Abramson at [StronachNW@aol.com](mailto:StronachNW@aol.com) if you have questions.

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**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.

**Second Story Meals** – Vale provides dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying in the Second Story Emergency Shelter in Vienna. Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver (or order takeout and have it delivered) for 4-12 people on **April 28**. Please sign up on Vale’s Signup Genius page. The meal should include the main course and sides (beverage is provided by Second Story). Dessert is optional but much appreciated! You will need to call Second Story the day before for the exact number of meals needed, contact Jan Feeney at [jrmfeeney@aol.com](mailto:jrmfeeney@aol.com) or 571-217-6172 for their unlisted number, or with any questions.

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**Luminary Youth Group** –Get ready for an epic night out! The Luminary Youth Group is headed to Ultra Zone Laser Tag in Bailey’s Crossroads, **Saturday April 25**, from 6:00 pm to 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 22<sup>nd</sup> to reserve your spot! Students and parents can email Cayla Hailwood at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com) for more information.

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**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](mailto:Office@valechurch.org).

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**Town Hall Meeting: Safe and Sound** –All are invited to a brief Town Hall meeting after Sunday service on April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am, in the main Fellowship Hall, as we review measures that continue to be put into place to keep Vale a SAFE place for all worshippers, children, organizations, and guests. Additionally, we will provide a brief overview of the finances of the church so that all better understand how their contributions keep Vale SOUND.

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**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](mailto:leeandlinda@verizon.net).

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