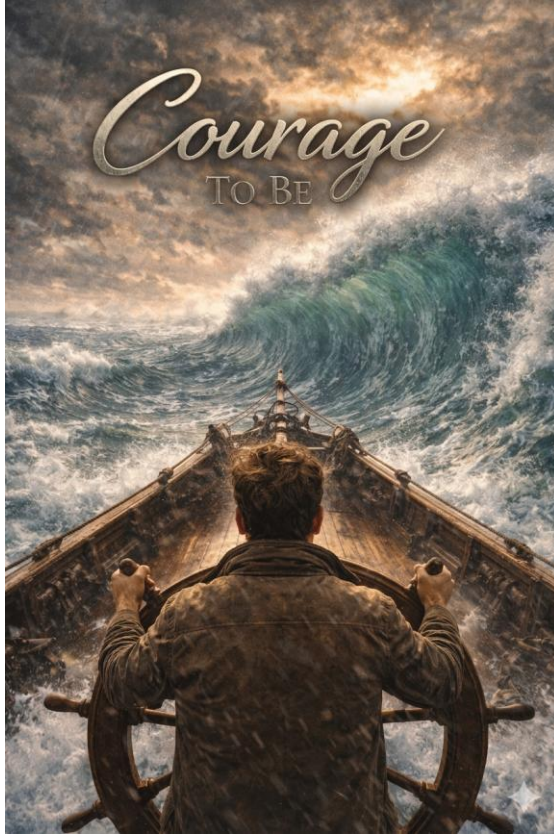

Vale United Methodist Church



April 19, 2026

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124
8:30 am (virtual) worship & 10:00 am Worship
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.

“Courage To Be”

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

Excerpts from Carmen – Bizet, arr Sheard

Vale Flute Choir

***Call to Worship**

One: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

Many: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

One: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

Many: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

One: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

Many: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

One: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

Many: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

***Hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" UMH 513**

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others. Forgive us, Dear One. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died.

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 and loving God, as we come to your Word today, quiet our hearts and open our minds. When fear rises within us and distractions surround us, draw us gently back to you. By your Holy Spirit, give us clarity to hear your voice, courage to receive your truth, and strength to live out what you reveal. Amen.

Scripture

Nehemiah 4 :1-14

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 invited to go to their Sunday School classes.

Sermon

“Courage To Be” Rev. Yun Kim

*Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul” UMH 534

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

Meditation on 'Abide With Me' - Via
Vale Flute 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

"Precious Name"

UMH 536

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 Bette Rutherford
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 Pat Gibson

Virtual Todd Deppe

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP
4th Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

“Holy Habits”

Rev. Yun Kim

RECENTLY AT VALE:



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

This Week at Vale: Apr 19 – Apr 26, 2026

Sun, Apr 19

- 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 Town Hall Meeting*

Mon, Apr 20

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983. Scouts BSA

Tues, Apr 21

- 8:00 am The Garden Club of Fairfax
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Worship Team Planning

Wed, Apr 22

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

Thurs, Apr 23

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Sat, Apr 25

- 3:00 pm Paulson Wedding
- 6:00 pm Youth Laser Tag*

Sun, Apr 26

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* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

Apr 19, 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 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.

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



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 6th**. 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 held in the outside Sanctuary, 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.



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 22nd to reserve your spot! Students and parents can email Cayla Hailwood at valedcym@gmail.com for more information.

Town Hall Meeting: Safe and Sound – All are invited to a brief Town Hall meeting **TODAY** after the service 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.

Reprise Service – On Sunday, May 17 during the worship service, the Chancel and Flute Choirs will present a Reprise Service of all music and readings. You don't want to miss this special annual event to close out the season for these amazing and hard-working ensembles!

Hymn Sing - Our next Hymn Sing will be Sunday, May 31. Requests should be emailed to Jan at janbrewer00@yahoo.com.

Preschool Registration -Registration for Vale's Fall 2026 preschool year is now open! Registration is \$150.00. For more information, contact Diane Willard at preschool@valechurch.org

Luminary Youth Hike and Picnic Lunch - is scheduled for Sunday May 3rd. The Luminary Youth Group is heading out for a hike and picnic! 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.

Men's Breakfast Group - meets at the Silver Diner on West Ox Road. We meet every other week, from 8:00AM to about 9:30AM, for breakfast and fellowship. Join us for our next meet-up which is scheduled for, Monday, April 27! If you have any questions or would like to be on the invitation list, please email Bob Collum at robert_collum@hotmail.com.

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