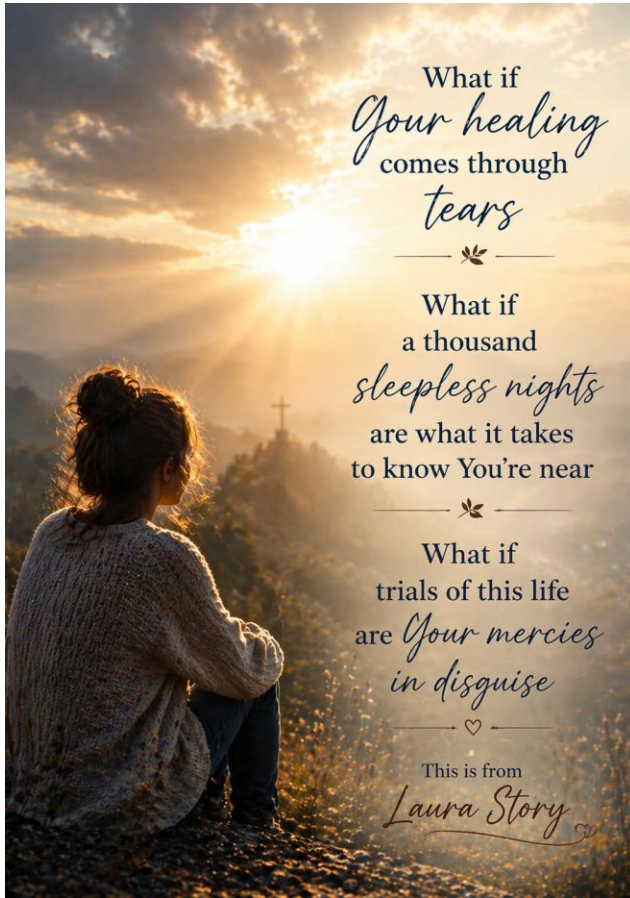

Vale United Methodist Church



May 3, 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.

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, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

Many: **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

Many: **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

Many: **I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

One: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges,
Jesus shows us:

Many: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

One: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ,
our way, our truth, and our life.

Many: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn**

UMH 576

“Rise Up, O Men of God”

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: Merciful God, we claim that you sent Jesus to us
to take away the sin of the world and to say that
we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add
up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is
as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on
vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin
means but to acknowledge that we do things that
hurt other people, and the creation, and
ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then,
and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful
and more loving. These things we pray in the
name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done.
Amen.

One: Friends, hear the good news: Jesus came not to
condemn us, but to love us and save us and show us
the way. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Many: Alleluia! Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.



Prayer for Illumination

Many: Gracious God, open our hearts and minds as Your Word is read today. Give us wisdom to hear Your truth, courage to receive it, and grace to live it with joy and faithfulness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 9:3-10

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

Rev Yun Kim

"Wisdom from Ecclesiastes"

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

***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**

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are welcome to receive communion. Those who wish to have Communion brought to their seat should notify an usher. Gluten-free elements are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you may cross your hands as you approach.

Communion Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

TFWS 2208

“Guide My Feet”

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 Tom Marshall and Judy Jobbitt
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 Tom Feeney

Virtual Bette Rutherford

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2026 (Mother's Day)

“Hagar”

Rev. Yun Kim

RECENTLY AT VALE:



Tending our church home

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

This Week at Vale: May 3 – May 10, 2026

Sun, May 3

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship*
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 12:00 pm **Luminary Youth Hike**

Mon, May 4

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

Tues, May 5

- 7:00 pm Girl Scout Troop meeting

Wed, May 6

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

Thurs, May 7

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Sat, May 9

- 9:00 am Fox Lake Community HOA

Sun, May 10

Happy Mother's Day!

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School*
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* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

May 3, 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!

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".

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, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Luminary Youth Hike and Picnic Lunch - today at noon! The Luminary Youth Group is heading out for a hike and picnic! We will spend the afternoon enjoying nature, good conversation, and time together before wrapping up at 2:00pm.

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.



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, 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.

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

Lost and Found Clearing -Please check the Lost and Found for any misplaced items: jackets, water bottles, glasses cases, gloves, etc.

Graduating Senior Service – Join us June 7 at 10:00 am as we recognize and celebrate our 2026 graduating seniors. Parents of graduates please email Cayla at valedcym@gamil.com to confirm your student’s participation. After the service, the youth will host a celebratory meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Lay Readers – We are inviting both new and experienced Lay Readers to sign-up to lay read as their schedule allows. To see available slots visit Vale’s SignUp Genius Page. If you would like to know more please email Melanie at valechurchoffice@gmail.com.

Vale Book Club – will not be meeting in May. Our next meeting will be June 9, at 10:00 am, via Zoom. We will be discussing “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig. For the link or for more information contact Terri at tlowry2003@gmail.com or Mary at mmorran01@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast Group – meets regularly at the Silver Diner on West Ox Road. We meet every other week, from 8:00 am to about 9:30 am, for breakfast and fellowship. Join us for our next meet-up which is scheduled for Monday, May 11! Questions? Email Bob Collum at robert_collum@hotmail.com.

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. All women of the church are welcome for our May 5 meet-up! 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.

The Closet – Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Saturday, May 9. 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. The jobs are easy & the organization helps the greater area in so many ways. If you have questions contact Nancy Abramson at StronachNW@aol.com.



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