
Vale United Methodist Church



May 10, 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.

“She Kept Going”

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: Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives. Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you...” (Isa. 66:13)

Many: **Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

One: Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children: “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!” (Isa 49:15)

Many: **Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

One: Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... how often I have longed to gather your children

together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.” (Matt. 23:37)

Many: Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

One: Paul writes about his missionary ministry and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care: “...but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.” (1 Thess. 2:7)

Many: Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

***Hymn**

UMH 445

“Happy the Home When God Is There”

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: Eternal God, Creator of all that is. In you, we live and move and have our being. You have placed us on earth and sustained our being through the produce of the land and the cleanness of the air we breathe. You have made us for each other, to tend and care for the weak and ensure a just sharing of the earth’s resources. But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people who hoard what the earth provides and seem to loathe to share the fruits of our labours, who live for today with little thought for tomorrow, who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us. Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being. In your grace, you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow. You embrace us in all our sinfulness. And, in doing so, give us the chance to start again to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus, who chose the way of the Cross that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made. Spirit of God, open our hearts and minds that we may grasp your forgiveness, and

forgiven, seek to forgive others and to live a life of reconciling love modelled on the example of Jesus Christ, in whose name we make this prayer.
Amen.

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: O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 21:8-19

The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."

Please respond with "Thanks be to God."

Special Music

UMH 344

"Tu Has Venido a la Orilla"

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Vicky and Steven Alonzo & Congregation

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, children will be invited to go to their seats with their families.

Sermon

"She Kept Going"

Rev. Yun Kim

“God Will Take Care of You”

The Blessing of Flowers

One: God our Father, on this special day we thank you for our mothers and our sisters in Christ. Help us to show them how grateful we are by our gifts, our words and our actions. We thank you for our Mother the Church. Your Son Jesus admired the lilies of the field and taught us to imitate them by trusting in your love. Bless these flowers. Accept them as a sweet fragrance, and fill the hearts of those who receive them with your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

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

*Hymn

UMH 140

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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 Debbie German and Bob Collum
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Pat Gibson

Virtual Tom Feeney

Mary visits Elizabeth: A joyful meeting of miracles

Luke 1:39-56



Ruth and Naomi: Devotion, love, and faith through hardship

Ruth 1:16



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2026

“Reprise Sunday”

This Week at Vale: May 10 – May 17, 2026

Sun, May 10

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School*
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee*
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir

Mon, May 11

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA

Tues, May 12

- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, May 13

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

Thurs, May 14

- 5:00 pm Cadettes
- 7:30 pm Council Meeting

Sun, May 17

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School*
- 10:00 am Reprise Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee*
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals*
- 3:00 am Girl Scout Troop 56051

* *see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

May 10, 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



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.



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.

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

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

Yard Sale - It is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success! Decluttering your home? Found some treasures you would like to pass along? Drop off begins May 31 and the yard sale is June 6, 7:30am to 1pm! Let your gently used items of all kinds become someone else's treasures.

Lost and Found Clearing – Any items left in the lost and found by May 27 will be donated to the yard sale. Please check if you have misplaced any water bottles, glasses cases, gloves, etc.

Men's Breakfast Group – meets 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 **tomorrow**, Monday, May 11! Questions? email Bob Collum at robert_collum@hotmail.com.

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.

Fellowship Coffee – Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the service in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love the opportunity to gather together, enjoy conversation, and connect with one another in a warm and welcoming setting. All are invited!

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

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