
Vale United Methodist Church



Snapshots of God's World



May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

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.

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

Vale Flute Choir

“Dawn of Peace” - Pope

***Call to Worship**

One: As we gather, we admire God’s creation and all
God’s gifts to us.

Many: That beauty is all around us, and God’s world
fulfills all our needs, both physical and spiritual.

One: Though we were mired in sin, God sent Jesus to us.

Many: God knew we needed guidance and redemption
and created a perfect plan, a noble and gracious
sacrifice.

One: God’s church was built, spreading the good news
through community.

Many: May the church succeed in continuing God’s plan
for the world. Amen.

***Hymn**

UMH 147

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: Creator God, we have not treated your world with the respect it deserves. We have failed to nurture your plants and animals. We have not lived in a way that makes Jesus' sacrifice worthwhile. We have not preached your gospel or cared for others as we should. Forgive us these failings. Remind us that your grace continues and your church marches on to help support and sustain your kingdom on Earth.

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.



Reading #1

Genesis 1:1-25

Anthem #1

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” – Rutter

Chancel Choir

Children's Moment

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

Reading #2

Luke 19:36-40

Psalm 24

Anthem #2

“Let the Rocks Cry Out!” – Larson

Chancel Choir

Reading #3

Luke 24:1-5&34

Anthem #3

“Risen Indeed!” – Johnson

Chancel Choir

***Hymn**

W&S 3147 vs 1,3&5

“Built on a Rock”

Reading #4

I Peter 2:4-10

Anthem #4

“Built on a Rock” – Althouse

Chancel Choir

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

"Cantique de Jean Racine" – Faure, arr. Wye

Text (1688) means "Word, one with the Highest", tune 1865
Vale Flute Choir

***Doxology**

UMH 102, vs. 3

"Now Thank We All Our God" (1636)

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son, and him who reigns with them in the highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.*

Blessing of the Offerings

Reading #5

Anthem #5

"Tis the Gift to Be Simple" – arr. Micchelli

Chancel Choir

***Hymn**

UMH 261

"Lord of the Dance"

SENDING FORTH

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

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*** Blessing and Charge**

Postlude

“Bagatelle I” – Dvorak, arr. Lombardo

Vale Flute Choir

**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 Pat Gibson
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 Judy Jobbitt

Virtual Todd Deppe

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

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Pentecost, May 24, 2026
“Filled Us with New Wine”
Rev. Yun Kim

RECENTLY AT VALE:

“T1983 Scout Rishima’s Stations of the Cross Eagle Project”



Men’s breakfast with special guests!

This Week at Vale: May 17 – May 24, 2026

Sun, May 17

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am **Reprise Worship Service (In-Person)**
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee*
- 1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals***
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 56051

Mon, May 18

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Tues, May 19

Wed, May 20

- 10:00 am Bible Study

Thurs, May 21

- 10:30 am Preschool Graduation
- 1:00 pm United Methodist Women

Sat, May 23

- 9:30 am Fox Lake Community Meeting
- 1:30 pm TunesRUs

Sun, May 24

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School for Children
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee*
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

May 17, 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 is **TODAY** in the front court, 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.

Summer Visitations – This summer, as life and church activities slow down a little, Pastor Yun would love to spend more time simply connecting with our church family. It is hard to believe he has already been at Vale for almost 10 months, yet there are still many people he has not had the chance to visit personally. His hope is to have simple, casual visits, just talking, listening, sharing stories, and praying together. Church is not just a building; it is people, and he would like to know our church family more deeply. Please sign up on [Vale's SignUp Genius page](#).

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

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

Yard Sale – Calling for Volunteers for June 6th Annual Yard Sale. All able to assist in the various stages of our annual Yard Sale can add their names to the Google sheet at bit.ly/valeyardsale. Family members welcome to help! More Yard Sale details to follow. Bob Lacy: robertklacy@gmail.com

Luminary Youth Summer Dinner Series – 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Vale UMC. Summer nights are better together. Join us in June 13, June 27, and July 11 for dinner, games, time around the fire pit, s'mores, and great hangout vibes.

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.

Adult Sunday School – The Adult Sunday School will be on recess until early September. Each member will be notified by telephone for the start of the next class in September.

Vale Memorial Day Ceremony – 12:00-2:00, 25 May 2026. Scouts BSA Troop 1983 cordially invites you to a Memorial Day Flag Ceremony on Monday, May 25 to honor our Vale Church veterans interred in our graveyard. A cook-out will follow the ceremony. Contact Dwight Reed, Scoutmaster T1983, with questions at dwightreed57@gmail.com.

Vale's known veterans:

Joseph L R Burleigh, Civil War - James N Gunnell, Civil War -
Deskin Monroe, Civil War - John F Saunders, Civil War -
Harold Waterhouse, WWI - Adrian Lee "Abe" Jewell, 1930-1934 -
Walter Brown, WWII - Oswald Clarke, WWII -
William L DuBois Sr, WWII - Henry Frazier, WWII -
Edward A Hauck, WWII & Korea - James C Hunt, WWII -
Roland A Kitchen, WWII - John H White, WWII -
Mike Bealey, Korea - William K Worsham, 1959-1967 -
John V Morran, Vietnam - George Ashworth, Vietnam -
David M Flach Sr, Veteran



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