

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
August 16, 2026

Countdown/Prelude/Pre-Service Video
Birthdays/ Anniversaries, Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us not to shallow happiness but to holy joy.

People: We come to abide in Christ, where true joy is found.

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People: We open our lives to the work God is finishing in us.

Leader: Let us worship the God who makes us whole and holy.

People: We rejoice in the One who leads us into fullness of life.

Opening Hymn:

UMH 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Unison Prayer:

Holy God, draw us into your joy, the joy that grows from your love and your transforming work in us. Make us holy as you are holy, and teach us to desire what brings life. Complete your good work in us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Moments

Special Music – Are You Washed in the Blood

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song: TFWS 2226 Bind Us Together

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Hymn of Preparation:

UMH 369 Blessed Assurance

Pre-Message Video

1 Peter 1:15-16; John 15:9-11; Philippians 1:6

Message – “God Just Wants You to be Happy” – Pastor Shawn

Offertory/Doxology UMH 94 with alleluias

Closing Hymn:

UMH 380 There's Within My Heart A Melody

Benediction

Parting Song UMC 63 Blessed Be the Name

Missions and Outreach

Gateway School in Westminster has asked for help with their Food Pantry. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Items Needed:

- Cereal (any kind)
- Mac-n-Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Snacks (cookies, small bags of chips, etc.)
- Cake Mixes
- Groceries for kids to take home.

Shepherd's Staff Back to School Supplies are being collected now and will be throughout the entire year. The list below is for pre-kindergarten through post-secondary grades.

Financial donations are always welcome!

- New Backpacks (character backpacks for younger students)
- Pocket Folders (with or without brads)
- Canvas pencil pouches
- 1" binders
- Wide-ruled composition notebooks
- Wide-ruled filler paper
- Colored pencils
- Primary (fat) pencils
- Blue, black and red pens
- 3x3 Post-it notes
- Dividers
- Dry erase markers
- 3x5 Ruled index cards
- Markers and highlighters
- 24 Ct. crayons
- Pink block erasers
- Rulers

Please feed the goat! In addition to non-perishable food, there is a need for paper products, baby supplies and personal hygiene products.