

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
August 23, 2026

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

Call to Worship

Leader: God works in all things for good, even when we cannot see it.

People: We trust the One who weaves redemption through every season.

Leader: What others intend for harm, God can turn toward life.

People: We believe in the God who brings hope out of hardship.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who is faithful in every circumstance.

People: We praise the God whose purpose is always love.

Opening Hymn: UMH 377
It is Well with My Soul

Unison Prayer:

Faithful God, remind us that your goodness is at work even in the places we do not understand. Strengthen our trust, deepen our hope, and help us see your redeeming hand. Shape our lives according to your purpose and your love. Amen.

Children's Moments

Special Music – O Magnify the Lord

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song: TFWS 2226 Bind Us Together

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Hymn of Preparation:

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Sung to the tune of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Pre-Message Video

Scripture: Romans 8:28; Genesis 50:20

Message – ***"Everything Happens for a Reason"***– Pastor Shawn

Offertory/Doxology UMH 94 with alleluias

Closing Hymn:

UMH 374 Standing on the Promises

Benediction

Parting Song UMC 63 **Blessed Be the Name**

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
2. You fearful saints, fresh courage take:
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.
3. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.
4. Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

The Church Picnic and Ice Cream Social

will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13th immediately following worship.

*Mt. Zion will supply:
Fried chicken and Ice cream and toppings*

*If you are joining us for this celebration,
please let us know so we can plan appropriately.*



Attention: Singers!

*Choir rehearsals will begin September 10th!
We will prepare to sing during worship on September 13th.
Please let Leslie know if you will be joining us for this season,
so your music will be ready for you.*

Ushers Needed

*If you are available to usher on the follow dates,
Please let Becky know.*

_____ December 6th
_____ December 20th
_____ December 27th

Finance

*During the summer months, giving goes down as vacations
reduce attendance. We are receiving approximately 2/3 of our
budget toward operating expenses. We realize that many of you
are on fixed incomes. If you are able to help out just a little more,
we would appreciate the extra giving.*