

# Clarity

Lord, I want to see

Mark 10:46-52

*"The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see." Hebrews 11:1-3*

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- At any time during this worship share your prayer concerns in the comments or post an anonymous prayer request at <https://asburyunitedmethodist.org/prayer-wall/>
- We will use an incredible anonymous online survey tool to connect our perspectives together in real time during worship. Use your phone or pull up a separate tab on your computer and go to [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com) and look for the code offered during worship
- For those attending in-person, please refer to our [in-person worship guidelines](#). We will have masks available for those who need one.

Prelude – Teresa Kays

Welcome

Building the Community

Making This Time & Space Sacred

Opening Prayer

Hymn #557 – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

1. Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes,  
our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

Scripture – *Mark 10:46-47* – Mark Gideon

Message – *In The Right Spot* – Pastor Erika Gravely

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory – [Click here](#) for secure online giving

Offertory Prayer

Song – *The River*

Benediction

Postlude

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**Please be in prayer for the following:**

Regan Spargo, Clark Mikkelson, Patti Blanton & family, the family of Larry Ballenger, Autymn Hatch, Lynne Reo, Alice Stehle, Marlene Garling, Virginia Salvog, Beverly Cox, Jack Gladson, Marlene Jones, Marjorie Pettit, John Bingham, Dorothy Roll, Chuck Ewy, Ron Garling, Teresa Kays & family, Jackie Fadler, Marcia Long, Jim Shane, Nicole Johnson, Neal Stehle

**Happy birthday this week to** Karla Gregg, Steve Garling, Cleo Huffman, John Fox, Rayetta Layton, Threasa Ballenger, Walter Boyts, Steve Collum, Rick Spiegel, Debbie Clark, and Teresa Kays

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Our **Power of Love** project for September non-perishable food items for the local food pantries. The food drives that these places usually rely on in the summer did not take place, and many of our local food banks are facing current and upcoming shortages of goods.

**The Asbury office is open regular hours:** Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm. You can drop off donations any time the office is open.

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Asbury is in the process of updating information and now making the directory available securely online.

It will be connected to our database so any update in contact information will automatically be updated online. A



print directory will also be made available. Please contact the office for an update form and return it by **September 30**. You can also include profile pictures of everyone in your home. Information about interests and your faith journey on the back will help us to build better relationships with those already in the congregation and especially those who are new to the community.

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**Pass the Plate**

We miss seeing our Asbury community! One way we can see each other is by sharing the ability to give. Our time of offering in worship is difficult to imagine when many are in their home, so we are encouraging everyone to Pass the Plate! Use your phone to make a short landscape video clip passing a plate or basket or something else (get creative!) from one side off-camera to yourself and others in your household and then to the other side off-camera. Through video editing we can then link everyone “passing the plate” into one continuous line of giving! A fun way to give our tithes and gifts back to God in worship. If you cannot give in-person, there are still many ways to give:

Online: [www.asburyunitedmethodist.org/give](http://www.asburyunitedmethodist.org/give)

Via mail: 1500 S. Campbell Ave, Springfield, MO 65807

Not feeling comfortable with those methods? Call the office at 865-1335 and someone can pick up for you.

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### Ways to Worship



[Click here for Facebook Live](#)

Call in over your smart phone or landline phone via Zoom to listen in: (312) 626-6799 and enter Meeting ID 881 355 241, password 017646

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### Church Calendar Week of 09/13 – 09/19

#### **Sunday, September 13**

One Heart In Christ – 8:15 am

Seekers Bible Study – 9:15 am, Zoom

#### **Monday, September 14**

Staff Meeting – 6:30 pm, Zoom

Naomi Ruth – 7:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, September 15**

TOPS – 9:00 am

Boy Scouts – 6:30 pm

Nominations Committee – 6:30 pm, Zoom

#### **Wednesday, September 16**

Crosslines Day

Youth Group – 6:30 pm

White Fragility Book Study – 6:30 pm, Zoom

#### **Friday, September 18**

Narcotics Anonymous – 8:00 pm

#### **Saturday, September 19**

ShareFest – 9:00 am, Hood UMC

### Church Ministry Core Values Audit

Directions: Using the scale below, circle the number that best expresses to what extent the following values are important to your church (actual values, not aspirational). Work your way through the list quickly, going with your first impression.

	1	2	3	4
	not important	somewhat important	important	most important
1. <b>Preaching and Teaching Scripture:</b> Communicating God’s Word to people	1	2	3	4
2. <b>Family:</b> People immediately related to one another by marriage or birth	1	2	3	4
3. <b>Bible knowledge:</b> A familiarity with the truths of the Scriptures	1	2	3	4
4. <b>World missions:</b> Spreading the gospel of Christ around the globe	1	2	3	4
5. <b>Community:</b> Caring about and addressing the needs of others	1	2	3	4
6. <b>Encouragement:</b> Giving hope to people who need some hope	1	2	3	4
7. <b>Giving:</b> Providing a portion of one’s finances to support the ministry	1	2	3	4
8. <b>Fellowship:</b> Relating to and enjoying one another	1	2	3	4
9. <b>Leadership:</b> A person’s ability to influence others to pursue God’s mission for their church	1	2	3	4
10. <b>Prayer:</b> Communicating with God	1	2	3	4
11. <b>Excellence:</b> Maintaining the highest of ministry standards that bring glory to God	1	2	3	4
12. <b>Evangelism:</b> Telling others the good news about Christ	1	2	3	4
13. <b>Cultural relevance:</b> Communicating truth in a way that people who aren’t like us understand it	1	2	3	4
14. <b>Team ministry:</b> A group of people ministering together	1	2	3	4
15. <b>Creativity:</b> Coming up with new ideas and ways of doing ministry	1	2	3	4
16. <b>Worship:</b> Attributing worth to God	1	2	3	4
17. <b>Status quo:</b> A preference for the way things are now	1	2	3	4
18. <b>Cooperation:</b> The act of working together in the service of the Savior	1	2	3	4
19. <b>Lost people:</b> People who are non-Christian and may not attend church (unchurched)	1	2	3	4
20. <b>Mobilized laity:</b> Christians who are actively serving in the ministries of the church	1	2	3	4
21. <b>Tradition:</b> The customary ways or the “tried and true”	1	2	3	4
22. <b>Obedience:</b> A willingness to do what God or others ask	1	2	3	4
23. <b>Innovation:</b> Making changes that promote the ministry as it serves Christ	1	2	3	4
24. <b>Initiative:</b> The willingness to take the first step or make the first move in a ministry situation	1	2	3	4
25. <b>Other values:</b> (Please list)	1	2	3	4

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\* Now identify your Top Five from those with the highest scores on the list \*