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## Hillsboro UMC

4810 State Road B, Hillsboro, MO 63050

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## Worship and Preaching Calendar

- January 15, 2023 (Romans 9:30-33) (Chosen or Choice?)
- January 22, 2023 40 Days of Prayer (Part I of VII)
- Special Guest Speaker

**HUMC Facebook:** @HillsboroUMCMO

**TUMC Facebook:** @TransformationUMCMO

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/HillTranMinistries>

**Join Our Faithlife Community:** @<https://faithlife.com/hilltran-umc/>

**Website:** www.hilltran.org

**Questions:** ask@hilltran.org

# Welcome to Hillsboro UMC January 15, 2023

### Our Mission

Our mission is to develop Jesus-centered followers committed to sharing God's love in a Jesus-looking way to help change the world.

### Our Vision

Our vision is to create a spiritual community where individuals and families can come as they are, fall in love with Jesus, and have a spiritual awakening.

### Our Purpose

"We are People Helping People Experience a Jesus-centered Life"

### Welcome Home

Whatever your faith tradition, beliefs, culture, race, age, or differing abilities, we hope you find healing and acceptance in our Jesus-centered community. Whatever doubts, questions, or challenges you may have, we hope you will discover the answers you are searching for and experience a Jesus-centered life.



The Twisted Perception of Rejection

January 15, 2023  
9:00 AM at HUMC 11:00 AM at TUMC

Romans 9:1-5  
www.hilltran.org



# Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

**Opening Video:** *“But Not Today”*

**Bringing In The Light:** *“Sunday Sermons”*

**Welcome and Announcements:** Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship:** Liturgist

**\*Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

**\*Opening Song:** *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

**Pastoral Prayer:** Pastor Harold Long

**\*Welcome Your Kingdom Family:** (Due to the recent spike with COVID, Influenza, HRSV, and NREVSS, you are encouraged to give each other “Holy High-Fives” and avoid unnecessary contact until things improve.)

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 9:1-5 (CEB)

**Sermon Bumper Video:** *“MLK, He Inspired Us”*

**Message:** *“The Twisted Perception of Rejection”*- Pastor Harold Long

**\*Song:** *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

**\*Doxology:** *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Offering:** Online @ [www.hilltran.org/online-giving](http://www.hilltran.org/online-giving) (Liturgist)

**\*Kingdom Carryout:** Pastor Harold Long

**\*Sending Forth:** John Wesley Quote (Unison)

**\*Closing Song:** *“This is Amazing Grace”*

**\* = Please Rise**

**Connection Cards:** (Connection cards are available in the back of the chairs or at the information desk in the narthex. Please complete or update your information and place it in the offering plate or bucket before you leave church.)

*“When we heed God's Word, we are rejecting how the world tries to disciple us.”*

— **Matt Chandler**

# Reflection Questions

- What is the biggest rejection you have ever experienced in your life? How did you handle it?
- What is the biggest rejection you have ever had to administer to someone else? How did they receive it?
- Why do you think the Israelites were so moved to reject God’s commands and promises repeatedly?
- Did God forget his promises to the Israelites, or are they acting out based on twisted perceptions of rejection?
- Why do you think the Jewish Christians Paul addresses in Romans 9:1-5 are rejecting Jesus’s commands and promises?
- How have you rejected the teachings, promises, and will of God?
- When you refused them, what was your motivation? A mild case of atheism? Peer pressure? Fear of what others may think? Or, simply a rebel without a cause?
- How do we have a loving and meaningful conversation with anyone who has rejected God’s teachings, promises, and will?
- Why is it imperative for a Christian to obey the instructions and will of God?
- What promises are available for the people who do? Is that the best news ever, or what?

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