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## Transformation UMC

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## Worship and Preaching Calendar

- January 8, 2023 (Spiritual Giants Series—Buddha)
- January 15, 2023 (Romans 9:30-33) (Chosen or Choice?)
- January 22, 2023 (The Game of Life) Luke 9:18-27 (The MSG)

## Social Networks

**HUMC Facebook:** @HillsboroUMCMO

**TUMC Facebook:** @TransformationUMCMO

**Pastor Harold's Facebook:** @HaroldEugeneLong

**Faithlife Community:** @https://faithlife.com/hilltran-umc/

**Website:** www.hilltran.org

**Questions:** ask@hilltran.org

# Welcome to Transformation UMC

## January 8, 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

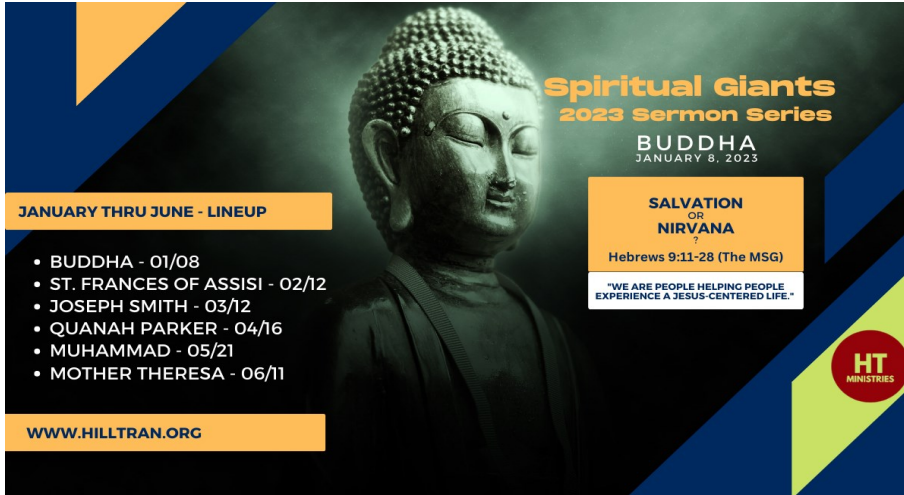
Our vision is to create a spiritual community where individuals and families can come as they are, fall in love with Jesus, and have a spiritual awakening.

### 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.



**Spiritual Giants**  
2023 Sermon Series

**BUDDHA**  
JANUARY 8, 2023

**JANUARY THRU JUNE - LINEUP**

- BUDDHA - 01/08
- ST. FRANCES OF ASSISI - 02/12
- JOSEPH SMITH - 03/12
- QUANAH PARKER - 04/16
- MUHAMMAD - 05/21
- MOTHER TERESA - 06/11

**SALVATION**  
OR  
**NIRVANA**  
Hebrews 9:11-28 (The MSG)

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MINISTRIES

[WWW.HILLTRAN.ORG](http://WWW.HILLTRAN.ORG)

# Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

**Opening Video:** “*Spiritual GIANTS Sermon Series Introduction*”

**Bringing In The Light:** “*It Is Well With My Soul*”

**Welcome and Announcements:** Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship:** Liturgist

**\*Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

**\*Opening Song:** “*Glorious Day*”

**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.)

**Song:** “*Oh My Soul*”

**Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 9:11-28 (CEB)

**Sermon Bumper Video:** “*Spiritual Giant—Buddha*”

**Message:** “*Salvation or Nirvana?*”- Pastor Harold Long

**\*Song:** “*We Believe*”

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

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

**Communion:** (We serve grape juice and bread)

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

**\*Sending Forth:** Let your life be a blessing to the world in 2023.

**\*Closing Song:** “*Happy Day*”

**\* = 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 at the altar before you leave church.)

*"When you like a flower, you just pluck it.  
But when you love a flower, you water it daily."*

~ **Gautama Buddha**

# Reflection Questions

- How do you view the other 4,000 plus religions in the world? Misled? Delusional? Partial truth? Threat? The reason why the world is divided and messed up? Will they end up in hell? Not sure? Don't care? Maybe they're right, and we got it all wrong?
- Now come inside the walls of Christianity. There are over 43,000 Christian denominations around the globe as of 2012. That number is expected to grow to 55,000 by 2025. (Apply the same set of questions listed above to Christianity). What did you discover?
- Do you know anyone who practices Buddhism? If yes, how would gauge your relationship with them? What have you learned from their faith and spiritual practices?
- What did you learn today about Buddhism that will help you better practice spiritual principles?
- What do Jesus and Buddha have in common?
- What are their major differences?
- Is it possible for a Buddhist to get to heaven?
- As a Christian attempting to live a Jesus-centered life by following and worshipping a Jesus-looking God, how are you commanded to treat Buddhists and people from all walks of life and beliefs?

## Notes

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