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Transformation UMC

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Worship and Preaching Calendar

- March 12, 2023 (Spiritual Giants Series—Joseph Smith)
- March 19, 2023 (40 Days of Prayer Message Series) V of VII
- March 26, 2023 (40 Days of Prayer Message Series) VI of VII

Social Networks

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 Transformation UMC

March 12, 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
JOSEPH SMITH
MARCH 12, 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 THERESA - 06/11

"I DON'T BLAME ANYONE FOR NOT BELIEVING ME, IF I HAD NOT EXPERIENCED IT MYSELF, I WOULD NOT HAVE BELIEVED IT MYSELF."
- JOSEPH SMITH, JR.
Genesis 50:15-26 (CEB)

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Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

Opening Video: “Welcome To Service”

Opening Song & Bringing In The Light: “Praise The Lord Almighty”

Welcome and Announcements: Liturgist

***Call to Worship:** Liturgist

***Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

***Song:** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Joys and Concerns: Liturgist

Meditation: (Mindful Release)

Prayer of Confession

Word of Assurance

Pastoral Prayer

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Scripture Reading:** Genesis 50:15-26 (CEB) Liturgist

Sermon Bumper Video: “Spiritual Giants”

Message: “Spiritual Giant—Joseph Smith - Pastor Harold

***Song:** “In God’s Eyes”

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

Offering: Online @ www.hilltran.org/online-giving (Liturgist)

***Kingdom Carryout:** Pastor Harold

***Sending Forth:** Numbers 6:24-26 (NLT) (Unison)

***Closing Song:** “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

*** = Please Rise**

*“I don't blame anyone for not believing me, if
I had not experienced it myself, I would not
have believed it myself.”
~ Joseph Smith, Jr.*

Reflection Questions

1. **Is the Bible the final source of authority for Mormonism?** The answer is a decisive no. Mormons claim that there are many translation errors in the Bible as we have it today—though they will not make the same admission about the *Book of Mormon*.
2. **Does Mormonism teach the spirituality of God?** No; it teaches that both the Father and the Son have material bodies.
3. **Does Mormonism believe in one God?** Joseph Smith himself, the “translator” of the *Book of Mormon*, denied that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God; they are three distinct gods, he asserted. In fact, in a sermon he said, “I will preach on the plurality of gods....”
4. **Does Mormonism teach that men may become gods?** Yes. To begin with, it insists that all the gods were once men.
5. **Does Mormonism accept the fall of man?** Yes and no. It accepts the fall as a historical event but reinterprets it so that it becomes really a “fall upward.”
6. **Does Mormonism teach equal opportunity for all races?** As we have seen, Mormons teach that before people come to this earth, they exist as spirits.
7. **Does Mormonism teach the unique incarnation of Christ?** No. It does teach that Christ existed as a spirit person before he came to earth and that when he came to earth he received a physical body through Mary.
8. **Does Mormonism teach the vicarious atonement of Christ?** When Mormons claim, as they sometimes do, that Christ died to save everybody, it is this salvation that they mean, but they also teach individual salvation that is determined by meritorious action.
9. **Does Mormonism teach the biblical view of the way of salvation?** One of the great biblical doctrines is justification by faith; a person is saved from sin and adopted as God’s child, not because of their own works or merit, but solely by grace. Humans “are justified by faith apart from the works of the law” (Rom. 3:28). Mormons reject this truth.
10. **Does Mormonism teach that all men will be saved?** Very nearly. Mormons do believe there is a place of final punishment; but very few people will go there, only the so-called sons of perdition, whose sins have placed them beyond the “present possibility of repentance and salvation.”

Prayer Requests & Concerns

TUMC & HUMC: Prayers for our shut-in members.

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HUMC & TUMC: Siblings in California.

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