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Worship and Preaching Calendar

- October 15, 2023 - *TPG Series - The True Elder Brother*
- October 22, 2023 - *TPG Series - The Feast of the Father*
- October 29, 2023 - *TPG Series - The Prodigal God Mini-Movie*

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

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Welcome to Transformation Church

October 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, have a spiritual awakening, and rediscover life.

Our Purpose

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

Welcome Home

If you identify as an atheist, agnostic, or irreligious, we welcome you; everyone experiences doubt and has many unanswered questions. Whatever your faith tradition, beliefs, culture, race, record, past, orientation, age, or differing abilities, we hope you find healing and acceptance in our Jesus-centered community. Whatever doubts, questions, or challenges you may have about God and spirituality, we hope you discover the truth about God, have a spiritual awakening, and experience a Jesus-centered life. We are excited you are here and truly wish to connect with you wherever you are in your life experience. Welcome Home.

THE PRODIGAL GOD
Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith
Sermon Series

LIVE Sunday
9:00 @ HUMC
11:00 AM @ TUMC

**SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 24
THRU OCTOBER 29, 2023** WWW.HILLTRAN.ORG

Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

Opening Video: *“Welcome To Church”*

Bringing in the Light Song: *“House of the Lord”*

Welcome and Announcements: Liturgist

***Call to Worship:** Liturgist

***Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

***Song:** *“We Believe”*

Sharing of Prayers and Joys: Pastor Harold

***Sharing The Peace**

***Scripture Reading:** - Luke 15:1-6, 25-32 - Liturgist- (Please Stand)

Sermon Bumper Video: *“The Prodigal God”*

Message: *“The True Elder Brother”* - Pastor Harold

Song: *“Goodness of God”*

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

***Sending Forth:** Pastor Harold

***Closing Song:** *“Alive Forever”*

*** = Please Rise in Posture**

“If, like the elder brother, you believe that God ought to bless you and help you because you have worked so hard to obey him and be a good person, then Jesus may be your helper, your example, even your inspiration, but he is not your Savior. You are serving as your own Savior.”

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“We must admit that we’ve put our ultimate hope and trust in things other than God, and that in both our wrongdoing and right doing we have been seeking to get around God or get control of God in order to get hold of those things.”

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Luke 15:1-6, 25-32 (NIV)

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’”

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’”

²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’”

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