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## Transformation UMC

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## Worship and Preaching Calendar

- October 29, 2023 - *TPG Series - The Prodigal God Mini-Movie*
- November 5, 2023 - *Special Guest Speaker*
- November 12, 2023 - *Deciphering God's Wisdom and Will PT:1*

## 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](http://www.hilltran.org)

**Questions:** ask@hilltran.org

**Prayer Request:** prayer@hilltran.org

## Welcome to

## Hill-Tran Worship Service

**October 29, 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

Whatever your faith tradition, beliefs, culture, race, past, 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 life.

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

## Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

**Opening Video:** “*His Name is Jesus*”

**Bringing in the Light Song:** “*TBD*”

**Welcome and Announcements:** Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship:** Liturgist

**\*Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

**\*Song:** “*TBD*”

**Sharing of Prayers and Joys:** Pastor Harold

**\*Sharing The Peace**

**\*Scripture Reading:** - Luke 15:11-32 - Liturgist- (Please Stand)

**Message:** “*The Prodigal God Mini Movie*” - Dr. Timothy Keller

**Communion:** (The Great Feast)

**Song:** “*TBD*”

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

**\*Sending Forth:** Pastor Harold

**\*Closing Song:** “*TBD*”

**\* = Please Rise in Posture**

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*“Mercy and forgiveness must be free and unmerited to the wrongdoer. If the wrongdoer has to do something to merit it, then it isn't mercy, but forgiveness always comes at a cost to the one granting the forgiveness.” — Timothy Keller*

*“Neither son loved the father for himself. They both were using the father for their own self-centered ends rather than loving, enjoying, and serving him for his own sake. This means that you can rebel against God and be alienated from him either by breaking his rules or by keeping all of them diligently. It's a shocking message: Careful obedience to God's law may serve as a strategy for rebelling against God.” — Timothy Keller*

## Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

### The Parable of the Lost Son

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

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

<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

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