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Transformation UMC

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Worship and Preaching Calendar

- October 8, 2023 - *TPG Series - The Elder Brother*
- October 15, 2023 - *TPG Series - The True Elder Brother*
- October 22, 2023 - *TPG Series - The Feast of the Father*

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

Prayer Request: prayer@hilltran.org

Welcome to

Transformation Church

October 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, 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: *“God’s Not Dead”*

Welcome and Announcements: Liturgist

***Call to Worship:** Liturgist

***Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

***Song:** *“This is Amazing Grace”*

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Joys

***Sharing The Peace**

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

Sermon Bumper Video: *“The Prodigal God”*

Message: *“The Elder Song”* - Pastor Harold Long

Song: *“Follow You”*

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

***Sending Forth**

***Closing Song:** *“Glory Glory, God is Able”*

*** = Please Rise in Posture**

“What must we do, then, to be saved? To find God we must repent of the things we have done wrong, but if that is all you do, you may remain just an elder brother. To truly become Christians we must also repent of the reasons we ever did anything right.”

— **Timothy J. Keller**

“Elder brothers’ inability to handle suffering arises from the fact that their moral observance is results-oriented. The good life is lived not for delight in good deeds themselves, but as calculated ways to control their environment.”

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Luke 15:25-32 (NIV)

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. ²⁶So 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. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

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