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Worship and Preaching Calendar

- January 14, 2024 - Unstoppable Six-Part Series on Acts, Part II
- January 21, 2024 - Unstoppable Six-Part Series on Acts, Part III
- January 28, 2024 - Unstoppable Six-Part Series on Acts, Part IV
- February 04, 2024 - Special Guest Speaker
- February 11, 2024 - Unstoppable Six-Part Series on Acts, Part V

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 Church

January 14, 2024

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 the stream of life.



Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

Opening Video: “Welcome to Church”

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor Harold

Giving Message and Prayer: Pastor Harold

Giving: Online @ www.hilltran.org/online-giving/

Prayers, Joys, and Concerns: Pastor Harold

Opening Prayer: Pastor Harold

1st Song: “Almost Home”

***2nd Song:** “Breathe”

Scripture Reading: - Acts 2:1-47 (NLT)

Sermon Bumper Video: “Unstoppable”

Message: “They People Shared Everything” - Pastor Harold

3rd Song: “Glory to God”

4th Song: “Hosanna, Praise is Rising”

Sending Forth: Pastor Harold

“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone’s life. Be the light that helps others see; it is what gives life its deepest significance.”

~ **Roy T. Bennett**

“Be willing to share your blessings. The only riches that last are the ones that are given away.”

~ **David Khalil**

Study & Reflection Questions

1. How would you define Pentecost?
2. How would articulate the coming of the Holy Spirit?
3. Who was present in Jerusalem for Pentecost, and where were they from – 2:5-11?
4. What are some different ways you have heard people speaking in tongues described? What do you believe it means for someone to speak in tongues?
5. What are some of the other passages scripture showing that “tongues” can refer to human languages?
6. Many congregations, especially charismatic groups claim to speak in tongues and others profess they interpret them, do you believe that’s true? Why or why not?
7. What did the people who received tongues talk about – 2:11,12?
8. What explanation did some of the audience offer for what had happened – 2:13?
9. What were some of the things the prophecy said would happen?
10. How would you define “prophesy” and “vision?” (Think: How were the events of vvs 19,20 fulfilled?)
11. Read 2:22-36; how would you summarize the theme of Peter’s sermon?
12. Despite the works Jesus did, what did the people do to Him – 2:23? (Think: To whom is Peter speaking here and whom is he accusing of having killed Jesus?)
13. What did disciples do after conversion – 2:42? Find a passage elsewhere about each of these acts.
14. How did the disciples show care for one another – 2:43-47?
15. Where did the disciples break bread – 2:46? To what does this refer? Proof? (Think: Are common meals a church function or individual activity?)
16. How were people added to the number from then on – 2:47? (Think: How do people become members of Jesus’ church? Can we be saved outside the church?)

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