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### Worship and Preaching Calendar

- February 25, 2024 - BEattitudes Series I of VIII
- March 03, 2024 - BEattitudes Series II of VIII
- March 10, 2024 - BEattitudes Series III of VIII
- March 17, 2024 - Beatitudes Series IV of VIII

### 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

## Welcome to Transformation Church

### February 25, 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:** “*Let Him Use You*” (*Celebrating Black History*)

**1st Song - Bringing in the Light:** “*Blessed Assurance*”

**\*2nd Song:** “*Happy Day*”

**\*Welcome and Announcements:** Liturgist

**\*Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

**Offering Message and Prayer:** Liturgist

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

**Prayers, Joys, and Concerns:** Pastor Harold

**Sharing of the Peace:** Everyone Share the Peace

**3rd Song:** “*All My Hope*”

**Scripture Reading:** - Matthew 5:1-12 (CEB)

**Sermon Bumper Video:** “*Blessed*”

**Message:** “*Hopeless and Happy*” - Pastor Harold

**\*4th Song:** “*Come As You Are*”

**\*Sending Forth:** Pastor Harold

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

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*"The way to deeper knowledge of God is through the lonely valleys of soul poverty and abnegation of all things. The blessed ones who possess the Kingdom are they who have repudiated every external thing and have rooted from their hearts all sense of possessing. These are the 'poor in spirit.'" ~ Aiden Wilson Tozer*

*"If you are lonely, please know you can find comfort. If you are discouraged, please know you can find hope. If you are poor in spirit, please know you can be strengthened. If you feel you are broken, please know you can be mended." ~ Jeffrey R. Holland*

## Scripture Reading

### Matthew 5:3—Reflection Questions

- Where did Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount? Who was present?
- *Define* “Beatitude.” Why is this a good term for verses 1-12?
- *Define* “Poor in Spirit.” List other passages about it.
- List some characteristics of people who are “poor in spirit.” For each one, provide a Scripture reference and then explain the application for our lives.
- Contrast the teaching of Jesus to that of the world system.
- What blessing did Jesus pronounce on the “poor in spirit? Explain this blessing, and explain how being hopeless, powerless, etc., leads to this blessing.
- What is the Hebrew word for blessed in Genesis?
- *Define* the Hebrew word “Baruk.” Given an example.
- *Define* the Hebrew word “Ashrey.” Given an example.
- *Define* the Greek word “Makarios.” Given an example.
- How does Jesus use the word “blessed” in Matthew 5:1-12?

### Notes

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