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Worship and Preaching Calendar

- Easter Sunrise Service: @ TUMC at 6:30 AM w/breakfast after.
- Easter Service: HUMC @ 9:00 AM and TUMC @ 11:00 AM
- April 7, 2024 - Beatitudes Series V of VIII
- April 14, 2024 - Beatitudes Series VI 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/>

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Transformation CHURCH

Welcome to Our Jesus-centered Community Easter Sunrise Service 2024

Whatever your faith tradition, beliefs, culture, race, past, identity, politics, age, differing abilities, or present circumstances, we hope you experience acceptance, love, and healing inside our Jesus-centered community.

Regardless of your doubts, questions, or challenges about God and spirituality, we hope you discover the truth about a Jesus-looking God and experience a profound and compelling spiritual awakening sufficient enough to transform your life forever.

Our fundamental purpose is to walk shoulder-to-shoulder with you and help you experience a Jesus-centered life, and in turn, you help others do the same. Our unified mission is to help transform the world as “one body of believers” filled with the Holy Spirit.



Opening Video: *“He Is Risen”*

Bringing in the Light: *“Christ the Lord Has Risen Today”*

***2nd Song:** *“Because He Lives*

***Call to Worship**

In the nighttime of our sin, the grace of God rises like the dawn.

In the coldness of our hearts, hope rises like the sun.

Into all that is cold and shadowed in our lives, the light of God shines.

From the sleep of sin and the dust of our death

O God of grace, shine your light upon us!

Come to us, and renew us, O God of life!

May the light of Christ rise in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Thanks be to God for the light of Christ. Alleluia!

This is the Passover of Christ, the victory of love
over sin and death, evil and violence.

Thanks be to God for the life of Christ. Alleluia! & Opening

***Opening Prayer**

God of life, from all that oppresses, sets us free.

From the wounds that paralyze us and the sorrows that will not heal,

God of Life, set us free!

From the tyranny of our fear, from the grip of envy and shame,

God of Life, set us free!

From the power of sin and all that keeps us from you,

God of Life, set us free!

From the lure of evil and violence, from all our hurtful ways,

God of Life, set us free!

from our slavery to the darkness, into your gracious light,

God of Life, set us free, and grant us your grace! Amen.

Offering & Sharing the Easter Joy

***Scripture Reading:** The Gospel of John 20 (See Insert)

Easter Reflection: Random people in attendance sharing their favorite part of the Easter story, family tradition, family story, etc..

Meditation: (Silent Reflection)

3rd Song: *“Jesus Paid It All”*

The Lord’s Prayer

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

When the sun rose upon the empty tomb,

it brought a new day,

Everything was changed:

there was a new Creation.

God of resurrection,

by the light of Christ’s rising,

grant us a new day.

By the mystery of your grace,

raise us up to new life

in the Spirit of Christ.

All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death.

Therefore, we have been buried with him

by baptism into death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead

by the glory of God,

so we, too, might walk in the newness of life.

By God’s great mercy

God has given us a new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

and into an inheritance

that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Blessed be God!

***4th Song:** *“He Lives”*

SENDING FORTH

God of love, you have raised Jesus from death to life!

Lead us continually into the newness of life.

Light of Christ, rising in glory,

be the light of our hearts!

Spirit of Resurrection, grant us your grace.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dismissal & Breakfast

The Resurrection

20 Early on Sunday morning, ^[ep] while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸ Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— ⁹ for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then they went home.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her.

“Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. ¹⁵ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?”

She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

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She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”).

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¹⁸ Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ That Sunday evening^[eq] the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” ²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin),^[er] was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

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