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### Transformation UMC

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### Worship and Preaching Calendar

- May 5, 2024 - Beatitudes Series VIII of VIII
- May 12, 2024 - Faith and Motherhood (Mom's Testimonies)
- May 19, 2024 - Abundance or Scarcity Part I of II
- May 26, 2024 - Abundance or Scarcity Part II of II

### 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)

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# Transformation

C H U R C H

## Welcome to Our Jesus-centered Community May 5, 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.



# Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

**Opening Video:** *“Welcome to Church”*

**Bringing in the Light:** *“It Is Well With My Soul”*

**2nd Song:** *“House of the Lord”*

**\*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:** Liturgist

**Welcome and Announcements:** Liturgist

**Offering Message & Prayer:** (God loves cheerful givers) 2 Cor. 9:7

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

**Joys and Concerns:** Pastor Harold

**Sharing of the Peace:** Welcome Your Neighbor

**3rd Song:** *“Glorious One”*

**\*Scripture Reading:** - Matthew 5:1-12 (NLT)

**Sermon Bumper Video:** *“Blessed”*

**Message:** *“Tested But Blessed”* Pastor Harold Long

**4th Song:** *“You Are My King”*

**\*Sending Forth:** Pastor Harold

**\*Closing Song:** *“Sing To The King”*

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*“The early Church was married to poverty, prisons and persecutions.  
Today, the church is married to prosperity, personality,  
and popularity.” ~ Leonard Ravenhill*

*“It shouldn't be difficult, then, to make the transposition at this point  
into the early Christian vision of Jesus and the Spirit and the way in  
which the material world is both celebrated and renewed through  
their work. The Jewish basis for the early Christian patterns of belief  
and behavior is clear. It is important that God's people are  
embodied, because God made this world and has no intention of  
abandoning it. The material of creation is a vessel made to be filled  
with God's new life and glory, even though the transformation may  
involve suffering, persecution, and martyrdom.” ~ N. T. Wright*

# Scripture Reading

## Matthew 5:1-12—Reflection Questions

**Read Matthew 5:10-11:** <sup>10</sup> *God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.* <sup>11</sup> *“God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.*

- How do you define doing “right” from a biblical perspective?
- How is it possible to be blessed if your are persecuted?
- How do you do right?
- Have you ever been mocked because of your faith?
- Have you hidden your faith to avoid being mocked?
- When was the last time anyone persecuted you or lied about you because of your relationship with Jesus?

## Notes

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