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**roots**  
MORAVIAN  
CHURCH

a **community** of  
**misfits** on a **mission**  
finding **identity** in **Jesus**

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MISSION

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**TO BE A NEW PEOPLE, ROOTED IN CHRIST  
WHO PASSIONATELY LOVE GOD  
AND PURPOSEFULLY SEEK THE RENEWAL  
OF OUR CITY**

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**SUNDAYS**

COFFEE HOUR: 9:30 - WORSHIP: 10:00

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**SAINT PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK (SPNN)**

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SAINT PAUL, MN 55114

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## GATHER:

- **PRELUDE SONG** - "Provider" - John Kerns
- **WELCOME** - Pastor T. C.
- **DIGITAL HOUSEKEEPING** - Pastor T. C.
- **BREATH PRAYER** - Pastor Osheta
- **CANDLE-LIGHTING** - Pastor Osheta
- **MISFIT CALL TO WORSHIP** - Pastor Osheta
- **CHILDREN'S BLESSING** - Pastor Osheta & Everyone
- **GIVING & DOXOLOGY** - Pastor Osheta & Everyone

## LOVEFEAST:

- **LOVEFEAST INTRO** - Pastor T. C.
- **SONG** - "How Bad We Need Each Other" - John Kerns
- **HYMN** - "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" - John Kerns
- **LOVEFEAST BLESSING** - Pastor Osheta & Everyone
- **SERVE LOVEFEAST** - Everyone
- **HYMN** - "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" - Br. Chris & Sis. Tina
- **BOARD OF WORLD MISSION** - Br. Chris Giesler

## SEND:

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Pastors T. C. & Osheta
- **MUSICAL BENEDICTION** - John & Everyone

## COMMUNION

At Roots we practice an Open Table, meaning if you are a follower of Jesus or want to draw closer to God, you are welcome to participate. Pastors will serve each table the elements, then you are invited to serve one another. Then we partake of the elements together.

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Them (Him/Her), all creatures here below;  
Praise Them (Him/Her) above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen**

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

**May the LORD bless you and keep you.  
May the LORD make Their (His/Her) face to shine upon you.  
And be gracious, gracious, gracious to you.  
May the LORD lift up Their (His/Her) countenance upon you.  
And give you, give you, give you peace.**

# DIGITAL CONNECT CARD



<https://rootsmc.org/connect>

If it's your first time visiting or you're new to Roots—or even if you've been a part of the community for some time—one of the best ways to reach out is through our digital connect card. With it you can request a meet-up with a pastor, find out ways to serve, sign up for the Weekly (an email newsletter that is sent out weekly), and more.

## GIVING



<https://rootsmc.org/giving>

Many people have had negative experiences connected with giving to churches. Some have felt pressured and others shamed. Some churches teach that giving is like a law one must obey while others teach that giving is like an investment strategy. At Roots, we only want people to give for two reasons:

1. Because you want to help support Roots' ministry and community;
2. As an act of worship because God has blessed you.

If you believe in our mission and our calling, please prayerfully consider giving. 100% of our funding comes from the generosity of people who believe in our ministry. We're forging a spiritual family that—like the early followers of Jesus—considers everything we have available for God's use to meet the needs of others (cf. Acts 2.42–47). Thanking God for provision in our lives, we pray that those who give would be shaped by their generous sacrifice, and that God would bless and multiply the gifts that are given in such a way that we would see God's Kingdom become a reality on earth as it is in heaven.

[How to Use the Moravian Giving Portal \(PDF\)](#)

## WELCOME LITANY

Welcome, fellow misfits!

**We come from many backgrounds and many perspectives. We come into this space longing for acceptance.**

Welcome to this place, inspired by a rag-tag collective of disciples whom Jesus called to follow him. Diverse people from fishermen to weaving women all found their home in him.

**We come into this space authentically, knowing our lives matter and our diversity is our strength.**

Welcome to this place for parables, traditions, conversations, and mysteries.

**We come into this space seeking divine guidance. We're done being told our curiosity is too much and our questions are dangerous.**

Welcome to this place of flipped-over tables, sacrificial love, and prophetic invitations.

**We come into this space seeking justice. We know all is not right in the world and we resist oppression.**

Welcome to this place where your name is first and always, "Beloved."

**We come into this space open to the loving heart of God. We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are. And we are not alone!**

So we honor this space we're creating together by praying:

**Lord, help us to be a new people, rooted in Christ, who passionately love God, and purposefully seek the renewal of our city.**

## KIDS AT ROOTS



We love kids—the way they move around, and we welcome the noise they make. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers: read through the program with them. Encourage them to shout out their answers when questions are thrown out. Help them participate in the Lord's Supper. Kids help us to see and know God, so let's be grateful for the joyful noise they make.

## SERMON SERIES



For Moravians, and other historic Peace Churches like Anabaptists, the bullseye of Christian teaching is the Sermon on the Mount. It's the Center of Gravity. The Holy Scriptures contain the revelation of God's redemptive history—the inspired story of God's covenant with God's people. That's the outer circle of the bullseye.

That story climaxes in the story of Jesus in the four Gospels in the New Testament. Those are the two next inner circles. Then, the central theme of the Gospels is God's in-breaking Kin(g)dom that is arriving and has now arrived in and through Jesus the Messiah. The core of that message is the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon on the Mount is the summary of Jesus's core teachings about the Kin(g)dom of God that he declared and demonstrated as he traveled around first-century Judea-Palestine. If we think of Jesus's ministry as a messianic campaign, calling disciples to join him in his redemptive mission, then the Sermon on the Mount was his "stump speech."

Not only is the Sermon on the Mount the "center of gravity" for Christians because of the centrality of its message to Jesus's life and ministry. It's also the "center of gravity" because it prevents us from the imbalances of either Legalism on the one side or Cheap Grace on the other. The Sermon on the Mount invites Jesus's disciples into a vision of the Kin(g)dom that expresses God's love through works of faith in the power of the Spirit.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**POLIS**  
BOOK CLUB



**Parable of the Sower**  
Octavia Butler

**Dates & Times**  
**Coming Soon!**

For our next Polis book, we'll be reading Octavia Butler's Afro-futuristic novel, *Parable of the Sower*. Dates and times of Polis meet-ups are still being worked out. But if you're interested in joining other misfits in reading and dialoguing, please reach out to Pastor T. C. via email [TC@RootsMC.org](mailto:TC@RootsMC.org)



**COMFORT YE**  
*Longing for Consolation*

This Advent, you're invited to join other misfits as we explore the themes of hopeful waiting, prophetic comfort, and fulfillment in Christ, using the story of Simeon in Luke 2 and the beloved hymn, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People." In a season marked by anticipation, this series will delve into the ache of longing and the assurance of God's promised consolation, offering hope and peace amid personal and communal suffering and challenges.



**DECEMBER**

- 12.1 **Journey Groups Sunday - Hope**  
GROUNDS OF BEING      SPIRITUAL FRIENDS  
10am - SK Coffee      7:30pm - Zoom
- 12.8 **Teaching Sunday - Peace**  
SERVICE AT SPNN - 10AM
- 12.15 **Teaching Sunday - Joy**  
SERVICE AT SPNN - 10AM
- 12.22 **Lovefeast Sunday - Love & Christ**  
SERVICE AT SPNN - 10AM
- 12.29 **Rest Sunday** NO SERVICE AT SPNN

This series will call us as misfits into the tension of Advent—a time of both lament and joy. Through powerful imagery of Isaiah's prophecy, the tender faithfulness of Simeon, and the lyrical richness of the hymn, we will explore how Christ meets us in our waiting and invites us to become agents of his comfort in the world. We will be reminded that God's comfort is not passive but active, calling us to prepare the way for Jesus's arrival in our lives and through the Spirit to our community.

# PEACE OF GOD LYRICS

## [Verse 1]

Let the peace of God  
guard your heart  
Let the peace of God  
guard your heart  
The peace of God,  
the peace of God  
Let the peace of God  
guard your heart

## [Verse 2]

Let the hope of God  
lift your head  
Let the hope of God  
lift your head  
The hope of God,  
the hope of God  
Let the hope of God  
lift your head

## [Verse 3]

Let the love of God  
send you out  
Let the love of God  
send you out  
The love of God,  
the love of God  
Let the love of God  
send you out

## [Bridge]

Oh let us be among the ones  
Who give ourselves away,  
Just as the One  
Who gives Himself for all  
Oh let us see where your Spirit's  
At work within the world  
And join in, like light that heeds  
the call  
To shine, to shine  
Where the flames are dim  
To shine, to shine  
Where the veils are thin  
To shine, to shine  
With the love that wins  
Make us beacons in our day

## [Verse 4]

Let the dreams of God live in us  
Let the dreams of God live in us  
Let the dreams of God,  
the dreams of God  
Let the dreams of God live in us

Let the peace of God  
guard our hearts  
Let the hope of God  
lift our heads  
Let the love of God  
send us out

## NOTE TO GUESTS

Roots is a worshipping community that has gathered in the Hamline-Midway, Frogtown, and historic Rondo neighborhoods of St. Paul since 2014. It was founded by a group of "misfits" who wanted to forge community in the Way of Jesus. While Roots was initially affiliated with the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), in April of 2023, Roots officially joined the Moravian Church Northern Province.

When we think about "church," we're not thinking about a building. Rather, we're thinking about a people, a shalom-seeking community, learning how to trust the Holy Spirit, and experiencing new life in Jesus.

As a "community of misfits," we're creating a space that's safe for everyone and makes room for flourishing. We're particularly aware that many find Roots through a painful journey that involves trauma in religious spaces. We want to especially offer safety and belonging to members of marginalized groups, like our BIPOC and LGBTQ+ siblings. As a congregation in the Moravian Church Northern Province, we're proud to offer full inclusion to all, without discrimination based on race or ethnicity, class or ability, gender expression or sexual orientation.

It's our expansive view of God that moves us to provide an expansive welcome to all people. From Scripture we're taught that God is neither 'male' nor 'female,' but is instead the One from whom 'male and female' derive. Human beings, regardless of gender expression, reflect the Image of God (cf. Gen. 1:26-27). That is why we are free to use male, female, or gender-neutral pronouns for God. So, use whichever pronouns feel best to you. Our view of God is big enough to hold all our curiosity and diversity.

# LEADERSHIP

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We are on Dakota homelands.

This map tells the story of the past, present and future of Dakota people and Dakota language in the Twin Cities.

**Historic Dakota Villages & Sacred Sites**

- Heyáta Othúgwe (Village)
- Kap óža Othúgwe (Village)
- Wakháŋ Thípi (Spirit Cave)
- Ohéyawahe (Pilot Knob)
- Bdóte (Confluence)
- Igyagá (Red Rock)
- Maŋpiya Hóta Wiŋ Wíta (Grey Cloud [Woman] Island)
- Wíta Thágka (Pike Island)
- Wíta Wašté (Nicollet Island)

**Rivers, Lakes & Other Bodies of Water**

- Wíta Tópa Bde (Lake of the Isles)
- Bde Makhá Ska
- Bde Umáŋ (Late Minnetonka)
- Mní iá Thágka (Lake Minnetonka)
- Mniŋaŋa Wakpádaŋ (Minnehaha Creek)
- Wakpá Thágka (Mississippi River)
- Mní Iŋpáyedaŋ (Minifalls)
- Mníówe Sni (Coldwater Springs)
- Wíta Thágka (Minnesota River)
- Owámniyomni (St. Anthony Falls)

**Other Locations**

- Thabáŋka Oškád Thípi (Basketball Arena), Odówaŋ Thípi (Concert Hall), Thabáŋkapi Oškád Makhóche (Football Field), Bde Óta Othúgwe Wákage Owápazo Thípi (Minneapolis Institute of Art), Mnísoŋa Wáŋuŋŋe Wakántuya (University of MN), Mnísoŋa Makhóbaŋŋe Thugkáŋŋapi Thípi (Minnesota Capitol Building), Čaŋŋáŋŋe Thabáŋka Oškád Thípi (Hockey Arena), Thabáŋkapi Oškád Makhóche (Baseball Field), Iđáŋthágka Akíŋŋa Thípi (Fort Snelling), Iđáŋthágka Mažáŋŋe Thágka (Largest Shopping Mall), Wátakiyag Oinažig (Airport), Wamánŋe Okáŋke Thípi (Zoo), Othúgwe Hemáni Thóŋ (Green Line Train), Othúgwe Hemáni Thó (Blue Line Train)

Bde Óta Othúgwe (Minneapolis, Village of Many Lakes)  
Imnížaska Othúgwe (St Paul, Village along the White Cliffs)

**Ehágna Wižháŋapi (Burial Mounds)**

There are over 12,000 burial mounds ranging from a hundred to several thousand years old in the state of Minnesota. Many are located in the Twin Cities including at Ohéyawahe (Pilot Knob), Mound Springs Park, Indian Burial Mounds Park, Maŋpiya Hóta Wiŋ Wíta (Grey Cloud Island) & surrounding Mní iá Thágka (Lake Minnetonka).

\*Makhó Thó Otkéwižhayapi Wákiksuye - Every December, Dakota and allies honor through memorial runs & horse rides the 38+2 warriors who were hanged in Mankato, MN on Dec. 26, 1862.

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We would be remiss not to acknowledge the host people on whose land we live. This land that we call Minnesota is the homeland of the Dakota people. The Dakota have lived here for many thousands of years and are still here! We thank them and their relatives for their care of the land, and we recognize their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures; and to elders both past and present.

We also want acknowledge and lament the many legacies of violence, dis-placement, migration, and settlement that have happened here. The legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery and the horrors of Colonialism have caused untold destruction. We mourn the great loss that such evil has wrought on the Indigenous people of this land and we commit to seeking restoration and reparation.

May the Creator, the Great Spirit, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, give us the strength and wisdom to walk in harmony with one another, through Christ our Lord. Amen.