

JUNE 22, 2025



**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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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **GATHER:**

- **ROLL CALL ACTIVITY** - Pastor Osheta
- **CALL TO WORSHIP** - Pastor Osheta
- **WELCOME** - Pastor Osheta
- **HOUSEKEEPING** - Pastor T. C.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Pastor T. C.

## **CENTER:**

- **BREATH PRAYER** - Pastor Osheta
- **LAMENT & PRAYER FOR IRAN** - Pastor T. C.
- **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - Pastor Osheta

## **WORD:**

- **SONG "DEEP & WIDE"** - Pastor Osheta
- **GIVING & MOMENT OF GRATITUDE** - Pastor T. C.
- **DOXOLOGY** - Pastor Osheta
- **HOMILY** - Pastor Osheta
- **LOVEFEAST & POPSICLE PRAYER** - Pastor Osheta

## **TABLE:**

- **TIE DYE CRAFT** - Pastor Osheta

## **SEND:**

- **CLOSING: NUMBERS BLESSING** - Pastor Osheta

## 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 \(PDF\)](#)



## CALL TO WORSHIP

God of dandelion wishes and bedtime songs,  
God of people in every land and language,  
**We are here to listen.**  
**We are here to love.**  
**We are here to learn how to be peacekeepers.**

God's peace is wide—  
**And we are inside it.**  
God's dream is love—  
**And we are part of it.**

## BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: **Even now...**  
Exhale: **...Lord, have mercy**

## LAMENT & PRAYER FOR IRAN

O God, how long?  
How long will the bombs fall,  
and the innocent pay the price of power?

**How long, O Lord? Will you forget your children forever?**  
**Will you hide your face in the smoke of war?**

The sky over Iran burns with fire.  
Mothers wail. Children run. The soil remembers blood.  
And still, we are told this is strength.

**We are weary with groaning; our tears drench the ground**  
**because of our grief.**

Forgive us, O God, for the ways we are complicit —  
in silence, in distraction, in allegiance to empire.  
Break our hearts open with truth.

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit**  
**within us.**

We pray for peace — not the peace of domination,  
but the peace that breaks weapons and lifts up the lowly.

**You make wars cease to the ends of the earth.**  
**You break the bow, shatter the spear, and burn the**  
**chariots with fire.**

Let your justice roll down like waters in Tehran, in Washington,  
in our streets, and in our hearts.

**Let the afflicted be heard. Let the wounded be healed.**  
**Let the world know your peace.**  
**Amen.**



# 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



**"Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."** (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)

One of the ways we discern what the Spirit is saying to the churches is by paying attention to the primary themes that emerge from the Scripture readings in the lectionary and how they correspond to life in our time. These passages are being read, contemplated, and taught all over the world. What might God be saying to the churches through them? Over the next several months, a few primary themes are evident:

**God's creation of a diverse and beautiful world God loves** (e.g. Psalm 8, 104, and 148)

**God's complex identity as "Father" "Spirit" "Wisdom" even "Trinity"** (e.g. Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; John 16:12–15)

**God's inclusion of diverse people groups (e.g. gentiles) into God's covenant people** (e.g. Acts 11:1–18; Rev. 7:9–17)

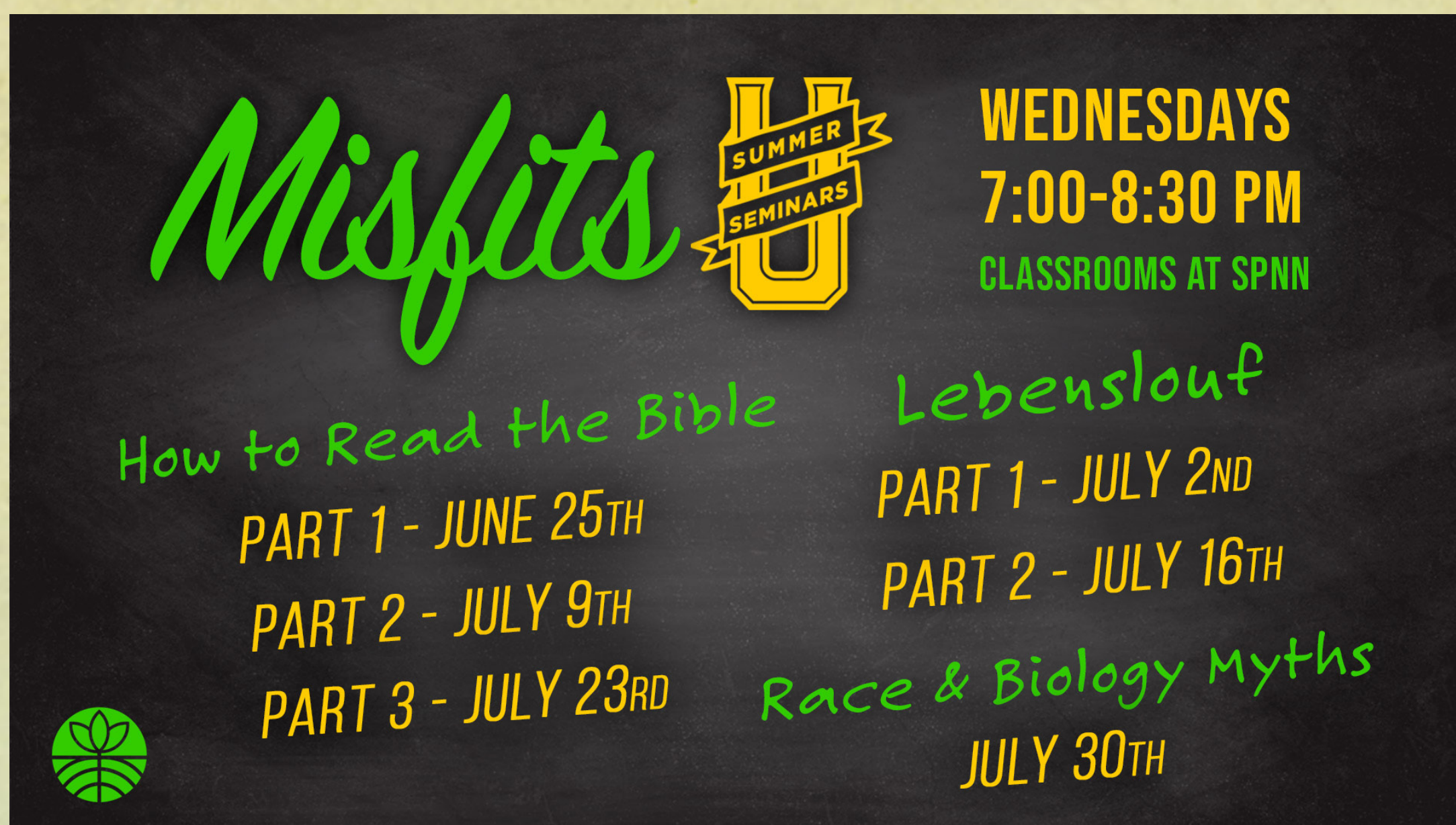
**God's outpouring of gifts and empowerment on the Jesus community** (e.g. Acts 2:1–21; Rom. 8:14–17)


**God's dream for a new covenant and new creation** (e.g. Rev. 21:1–6)

In addition to these primary themes, the next few months include **Mother's Day, Father's Day, Pentecost Sunday, and Trinity Sunday**. These themes and holidays directly confront us and our world at a time when "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" or "DEI" has been in the headlines because it is under attack from lawmakers and politicians. As a "community of misfits" following Jesus, Roots is living into God's dream of diversity, equity, and inclusion, no matter what the 'rulers and authorities' command! Which is why we will explore these themes and celebrate these holidays in our uniquely Jesus-centered, Moravian, and Spirit-led way.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS




**Misfits**  **WEDNESDAYS**  
**7:00-8:30 PM**  
CLASSROOMS AT SPNN

*How to Read the Bible*  
PART 1 - JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>  
PART 2 - JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
PART 3 - JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>

*Lebenslout*  
PART 1 - JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
PART 2 - JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

*Race & Biology Myths*  
JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>



Over the Summer, Pastors T. C. and Osheta will offer Summer Seminars at SPNN in the classrooms. One Seminar will be on How to Read the Bible, another will be on the Moravian tradition of "Lebenslout," which is writing a spiritual memoir about your life. The third will be on Race & Biology Myths.

"In the Image of God - The Biology of Race"

We are all made in the image of God, but when differences between our bodies are "scientifically" used to justify social constructs like race, it can alienate us from what being made in God's image really means. Through this seminar, we will explore how race is socially constructed rather than based in biology, learn what biology, genetics, and ancestry can actually tell us, debunk some common misconceptions and biological explanations for race, and learn how to recognize when biology is being misused to justify racial disparities and segregation. Please reach out to Jaron at [jaron.magstadt@gmail.com](mailto:jaron.magstadt@gmail.com) with any questions.



**HOST**  
**Summer**  
**EVENTS**

**SUBMIT BY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**JOHANNA@ROOTSMC.ORG**

**Backyard Get-together at the Morissette's**  
**Saturday, July 5th, 4–7pm**

**Afternoon Hangout at the Vollmar's**  
**Saturday, August 9th**



# 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 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.