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roots
MORAVIAN
CHURCH

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

MISSION

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

SUNDAYS

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

SAINT PAUL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

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ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHER:

- **WELCOME** - Pastor T. C.
- **MISFIT CALL TO WORSHIP** - Corey Magstadt
- **CANDLE-LIGHTING** - Pastor T. C.
- **BREATH PRAYER** - Pastor T. C.
- **DIGITAL HOUSEKEEPING** - Pastor T. C.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Pastor T. C.
- **GIVING & MOMENT OF GRATITUDE** - Pastor T. C.
- **DOXOLOGY** - Pastor T. C.

WORD:

- **CHILDREN'S BLESSING** - Pastor T. C.
- **LECTIO DIVINA** - Pastor Osheta
- **SONG: WE ABIDE** - Corey Magstadt
- **SERMON, PART 1** - Pastor Osheta
- **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - Corey and Pastor Osheta
- **SERMON, PART 2** - Pastor Osheta
- **SONG: YOUR PEACE WILL MAKE US ONE** - Corey

TABLE:

- **COMMUNION LITANY** - Pastor T. C.
- **SERVE COMMUNION** - Pastors T. C. & Osheta

SEND:

- **MUSICAL BENEDICTION** - Corey Magstadt
- **GO IN PEACE** - Pastors T. C. & 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 come and serve each person the elements. Then when everyone has been served, we will partake 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.**

MISFIT CALL TO WORSHIP

[Verse 1]

Welcome fellow misfits to this
space
We come from many
backgrounds, by God's grace
Like the rag-tag crowd first
called disciples
Rich and poor, righteous and
rebels

[Chorus]

Welcome
Welcome
Welcome to this place

[Verse 2]

Come as you are authentically
Come embrace God's mysteries
There is strength in diversity
Find your place in community

[Verse 3]

Welcome to this living search for
truth Conversations, parables,
and you
You can never be too curious
No question is too dangerous

[Verse 4]

Welcome justice-seekers,
innovators Table-turning
prophets, liberators You are
called Beloved first and ever
Loved, invited, just as you are

[Verse 2]

Welcome fellow misfits to this
space
Misfits on a mission by God's
grace
Finding our identity in Jesus
Unity, liberty, and all things love

BREATH PRAYER

All: **Come down, O Love** [inhale]

[exhale] All: **Make your dwelling here**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God who suffers with us and
rejoices in our return to love,

We confess that we have
strayed—in thought, word,
and deed; by what we have done,
and by what we have left
undone.

We have pursued comfort over
compassion, self-interest
over justice, and silence over
courageous truth-telling.

We have judged others harshly,
and ourselves too lightly.
We have lived beyond our needs
at the expense of others and
your creation.

Forgive us, restore us, and
remake us into people who
reflect your goodness and grace.

May the image we bear be one of
mercy, justice, and humble joy.
Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION

If we say we are without sin, we
deceive ourselves.

But if we confess our sin, Christ
is faithful and just, and will
forgive us our sins, and cleanse
us from all unrighteousness.

The gifts of God for the people of
God.

Thanks be to God.

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.

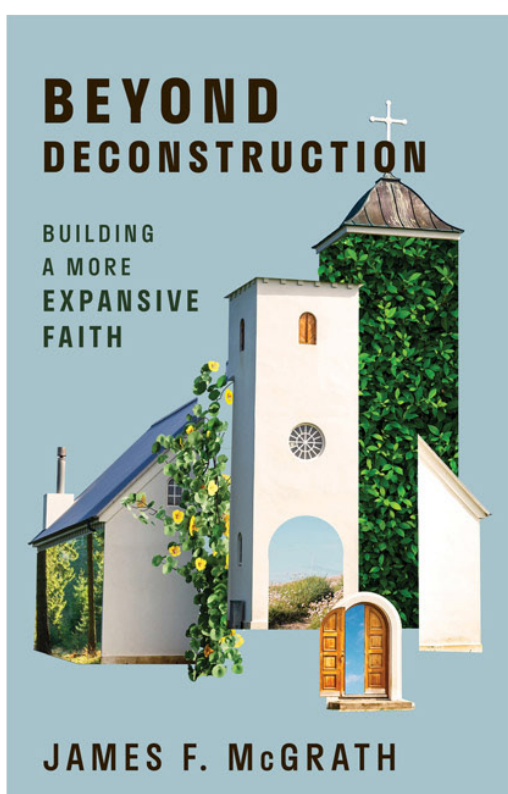
If you believe in our mission and our calling, please prayerfully consider giving. 100% of our funding comes from the generosity of people who believe in our ministry. We're forging a spiritual family that—like the early followers of Jesus—considers everything we have available for God's use to meet 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 \(PDF\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Here's the latest calendar for upcoming worship gatherings in the month of April. For updates, [subscribe to the Misfits Monthly email newsletter](#)



Beyond Deconstruction

Intro - May 6th @ 7:00pm

Chapter 1 - May 20th @ 7:00pm

Chapter 2 - June 3rd @ 7:00pm

Chapter 3 - June 17th @ 7:00pm

Chapter 4 - July 1st @ 7:00pm

For the season of Eastertide, we've chosen our next book to read in the Polis Book Club: [Beyond Deconstruction: Building a More Expansive Faith](#) by Dr. James F. McGrath. You can purchase a copy wherever books are sold, but Roots recommends buying it direct from the publisher or from [BookShop.org](#) or [ThriftBooks.com](#).



Join us on Mother's Day, May 10th, for Mutterfest. Mutterfest is a Moravian tradition honoring the Holy Spirit as "Mother" of the Church. Our special guest musical worship leader will be Rachel Kurtz.

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.

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Dakḥóta Thamákhoché
Bde Óta Othúgwe & Imnížaska Othúgwe
Minneapolis & Saint Paul

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)
- Wakhág Thípi (Spirit Cave)
- Ohéyawahe (Pilot Knob)
- Bdóte (Confluence)
- Iyagásá (Red Rock)
- Maḥpiya Hóta Wiŋ Wíta (Grey Cloud [Woman] Island)
- Wíta Tháŋka (Pike Island)
- Wíta Wašté (Nicollet Island)

Rivers, Lakes & Other Bodies of Water

- Wíta Tópa Bde (Lake of the Isles)
- Bde Makhá Ska
- Bde Umán (Late riverier)
- Mní Iá Tháŋka (Lake Minnetonka)
- Mniŋaŋa Wakpádagan (Minnesota Creek)
- Wakpá Tháŋka (Mississippi River)
- Mní Iŋpáyedan (Mniŋaŋa Falls)
- Mníówe Sni (Coldwater Springs)
- Mnísoa Wakpá (Minnesota River)
- Owámniyomni (St. Anthony Falls)

Other Locations

Thabáŋkta Oškád Thípi (Basketball Arena), Odówaŋ Thípi (Concert Hall), Thabáŋkchapi Oškád Makhóche (Football Field), Bde Óta Othúgwe Wákaže Owápažo Thípi (Minneapolis Institute of Art), Mnísoa Wáŋsape Wakántuya (University of MN), Mnísoa Makhóbaŋpa Thugáŋkádáŋyapi Thípi (Minnesota Capitol Building), Čhaŋkázso Thabáŋkta Oškád Thípi (Hockey Arena), Thabáŋkchapi Oškád Makhóche (Baseball Field), Iđáŋthakya Akichita Thípi (Fort Snelling), Iđáŋthakya Mažáŋhiye Tháŋka (Largest Shopping Mall), Wátokiyag Oinažig (Airport), Wamánita Okáŋke Thípi (Zoo), Othúgwe Hemáni Thóth (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 Wižháhapi (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, Maḥpiya Hóta Wiŋ Wíta (Grey Cloud Island) & surrounding Mní Iá Tháŋka (Lake Minnetonka).

*Makhó Thó Otkéwizhoyapi 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.