

August 16, 2026



roots
MORAVIAN
CHURCH

**a community of
misfits on a mission
rooted in Jesus**

Mission:

**To be a New People, Rooted in Christ
Who Passionately Love God
and Purposefully Seek the Renewal
of Our City**

Location:

Phalen Park Amphitheater

1600 Phalen Dr. E.

St. Paul, MN 55106

RootsMC.org

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHER

Welcome & Intro - Pastor Osheta

Breath Prayer - Pastor Osheta

Misfit Call to Worship - Corey

Dig. Housekeeping - Pastor TC

Announcements - Pastor TC

Giving - Pastor TC

Moment of Gratitude - Pastor Osheta

Doxology - Pastor Osheta

WORD

Prayers of the People

- Pastor Osheta and Corey

“It’s Okay to Change Your Mind”

- Corey and Renee

“No one is getting left behind this time”

- Corey and Renee

WORD (cont.)

Moravian Pentecost - Pastor TC

Kids’ Tree Skit - TBD

Speaker Into - Pastor TC

Sermon - Dr. Gary F. Green II

TABLE

Communion Litany - Pastor TC

Share Communion - Everyone

SEND

Musical Benediction:

“Peace of God” - Corey

BREATH PRAYER

Invocation (before we breath in)

God Who Sees Us

As we breath out

We are here

THE 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 5]

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

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.**

A NOTE ABOUT 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.

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.**

COMMUNION RESPONSE

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



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 church communications, and more.

ONLINE GIVING



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.

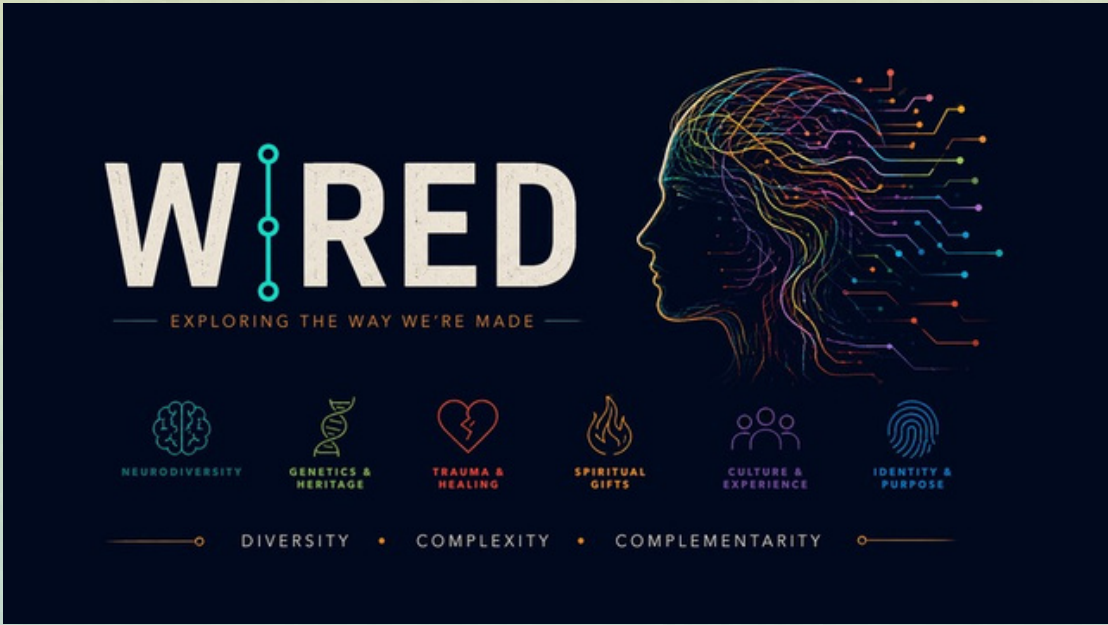
If you believe in our mission and our calling, please prayerfully consider giving. 100% of our funding comes from the generosity of people who believe in our ministry. We're forging a spiritual family that—like the early followers of Jesus—considers everything we have available for God's use to meet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



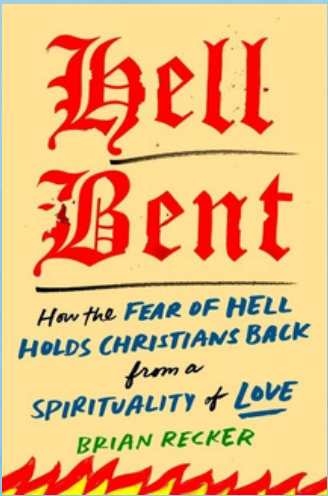
We’re headed back to SPNN on August 23rd and 30th



Wired is a series explores what scripture, psychology, neuroscience, and lived experience can all teach us about being made in the image of God. We’ll ask honest questions like: How have our families shaped us? What role does trauma play in our faith? What can neurodiversity teach the church about belonging?

And one of the things I’m most excited about with this series is drawing upon the insights and expertise in this congregation. Roots is full of people with wisdom and research into these areas. And since we’re a multi-voiced community that learns from one another, I can’t wait to learn from you.

Wired is an invitation to curiosity instead of judgment, wonder instead of certainty. We’ll explore how we’re wired and how we are each a gift to the rest of us.



YOU CAN STILL JOIN POLIS

Join other misfits in the Polis Book Club, continuing August 26th Our brand new book is: *Hell Bent* by Brian Recker. If you’ve had questions about what the Bible teaches about “hell” or about the church’s teaching on it, this is a good place to explore and discuss them.

MUSICAL BENEDICTION (“PEACE OF GOD”)

[verse 1]

Let the peace of God
guard your heart
(repeat)

[verse 4]

Let the dreams of God
live in us
(repeat)

[verse 2]

Let the hope of God
lift your head
(repeat)

[close]

Let the peace of God
guard your heart

Let the hope of God
lift your head

[verse 3]

Let the love of God
send you out
(repeat)

And 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

A 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. (For more about [Who Are the Moravians?](#) visit our website).

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

T. C. Moore

Teaching & Vision Pastor

TC@RootsMC.org

Ben Eisenriech

Unified Board Member

Ben@RootsMC.org

Caroline Vollmar

Unified Board Member

Caroline@RootsMC.org

Email Address: office@rootsmc.org

Osheta Moore

Executive Pastor

Osheta@RootsMC.org

Matty Spillum

Unified Board Chair

Matty@RootsMC.org

Mailing Address:

PO BOX 4097

St. Paul, MN 55104

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Map by MARLENA MYLES [@mylesdesigns](#)

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, displacement, 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.