

# UNIVERSITY



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

**May 6, 2018**  
**Sixth Sunday after Easter**  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

### THE GATHERING

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"...stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ~Luke 24:49*

I know how your mind  
rushes ahead,  
trying to fathom  
what could follow this.  
What will you do,  
where will you go,  
how will you live?

You will want  
to outrun the grief.  
You will want  
to keep turning toward  
the horizon,  
watching for what was lost  
to come back,  
to return to you  
and never leave again.

For now  
hear me when I say  
all you need to do  
is to still yourself,  
is to turn toward one another,  
is to stay.

Wait  
and see what comes  
to fill  
the gaping hole  
in your chest.  
Wait with your hands open  
to receive what could never come  
except to what is empty  
and hollow.

You cannot know it now,  
cannot even imagine  
what lies ahead,  
but I tell you the day is coming  
when breath will fill your lungs  
as it never has before,  
and with your own ears  
you will hear words  
coming to you new  
and startling.  
You will dream dreams  
and you will see the world  
ablaze with blessing.

Wait for it.  
Still yourself.  
Stay.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

François Couperin

Two Movements from *Mass for the Convents*

1668-1733

Basse de Trompette

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Worship Register and pass it on to your neighbor.*

### \*OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### \*HYMN 2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Italian Hymn*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,**

**we confess our desire for certainty and ease:**

**for predictable timelines and a comfortable future.**

**Instead, you invite us to serve in a world we will not control.**

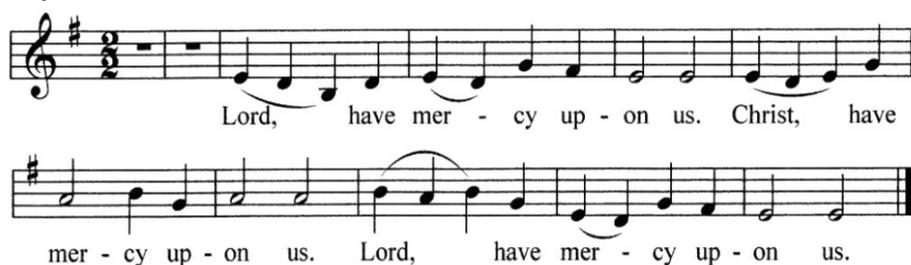
**Forgive our timid hearts.**

**Join us to your purpose, for to know you is to live.**

### \*Silent Confession

### \*Kyrie Eleison

Arr. David N. Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

### \*The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to exchange the peace of Christ with one another, greeting each other with the words above.*

### \*Response of Praise

*(Hymnal, 2)*

**Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

## THE WORD

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Children, three-years old through third-graders, are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for Time with Children. Children under three are invited to come forward with a parent.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 p. 192

(Children's Bible, pp. 1358-1359)

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36-53 p. 91

(Children's Bible, p. 1223-1224)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “The Making of Witnesses” Margaret LaMotte Torrence

*Time is provided following the sermon for a few moments of personal reflection and prayer.*

\*HYMN 485 “We Know That Christ Is Raised” Engelberg

### THE THANKSGIVING

\*Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

Chromhorne sur la Taille (8:30) Couperin  
*from Mass for the Convents*

An Anthem (11:00) Traditional Irish

The Youth Choir arr. Hal Hopson  
b. 1933

We see the mountains lifted high before us,  
and some may ask, “From where does our help come?”  
I tell you this, our help comes from the Lord;  
the God who made all heavens, all the earth.

*God calls us back when on the road we lose our way;  
the Lord who keeps us never, never sleeps.  
The God of all, the very God of Israel  
will hold us fast and bring us home again.*

The Lord, by night, will be a light to guide us,  
The Lord, by day, will be a constant shade.  
Our going out, our coming in are guarded from this time forth,  
and yet for ever more.

Psalm 121

BAPTISM & REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:00)

Presentation of Confirmands

Ben Baxley	Stewart Jones	Sander Parrish
William Biersach	Ella Kavanaugh	Grady Purcell
Lindy Bilden	Cole McGee	Stewart Roessler
Piper Holroyd	Graham Nicholson	Monty Swafford
Cooper Jackson	Nolan Parker	Isa Wurster

\*Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God, the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Welcome and Charge

\*Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of the crocus and the summer wheat,  
of our first cry  
and our final breaths,  
your love has been tender throughout our generations.  
When we were scattered, you gathered us in.  
When we cried from bondage, your hand was quick to save.  
You gave us food to delight our senses,  
water in the barren places,  
your very life at this table.

With you we find grace in each wilderness.  
We are radiant with your goodness.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, God of pow-er and maj-es - ty,  
heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry, O God most high!

We praise you for the gift and paradox of Jesus' life:  
he came with healing in his touch,  
and was wounded for our sake;  
he came with mercy in his voice,  
and was mocked as one despised;  
he came with peace in his heart,  
and met death in our hands.

Even so, you did not abandon your children to the power of death.  
You breathed your own unending life into Jesus,  
then sent him to share that breath with us.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

Holy Spirit, come to us now,  
that we might recognize your love in the breaking of this bread  
and the spilling of this fruit.

We give you thanks for the gift of this morning  
and for the promise of life in the place of despair.

We remember those who are even now confounded by darkness.  
Be steady light for all who live in the shadows of illness or grief,  
violence or isolation.

Draw us close to you,  
that we might live fully into the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Today we will receive the sacrament by means of intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). At 11 a.m., there will be two serving stations on each side; please proceed to the next available station. As the servers say, "the bread of life," and "the cup of salvation," you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." (All of the elements are gluten-free; all cups contain grape juice.)*

Prayer of Response

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 295

"Go to the World!"

*Sine Nomine*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00)

J. Jerome Williams

b. 1945

May the road rise to meet you;  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
May the rain fall soft upon your fields.  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Anonymous*

\*ORGAN POSTLUDE

\*You are invited to stand, as able.

## Worship Notes

AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, please turn off or silence all cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices for the duration of worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Preacher:* Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Interim Pastor. *Liturgists:* Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries; John Rogers, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry; Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music. *Youth Choir Director:* Beth Auman Visser. *Youth Choir Accompanist:* Betsy Carmichael.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: **At 8:30:** *Greeters:* Bob and Connie Eby. *Ushers:* David and Linda Lane (captains), Vicki Lotz, Harvey Hamrick. *Communion Servers:* Jason Dell, Day McLaughlin. **At 11:00:** *Greeter:* Frances Hess. *Ushers:* Tom (captain) and Betty Bouldin, Bob Johnson, Steve Kennedy, Edith Lino, Lawrence Sizemore. *Communion Servers:* Crowell and Daphne Little, John Anderson, Karen Vandersea, Rob Verboon, Jackie Soderling, Patty Baum, Debbie Bevin. *Godly Play Leaders:* Winnie Morgan, Stacey Lange. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Rob Reda.

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP is entitled “Stay” by Jan Richardson from *Circle of Grace, A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given in loving memory of Frances Parsons by her children, Jeanne Parsons, Allen and Susie Parsons, Pat and Wayne Beyer, and Cindy Bode, and her grandsons, Luke and Casey Bode.

DURING THE EASTER SEASON, we will be singing the Doxology to the tune of *Lasst uns erfreuen*.

ELDERS, SESSION FOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE in the church mailboxes. The Session will meet on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in Vance Barron Hall.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION...The work of proclamation belongs not just to preachers but to the Christian community as a whole. To that end, if thoughts or questions are stimulated by a sermon that you hear, your worship leaders would be grateful to receive your reflections. While we are always open to face-to-face conversation, sometimes it's easier to drop a note by email. We can't promise to respond to each email individually, but we would love to have your thoughts and questions inform our preparation for worship in the weeks to come. Any responses you'd like to share may be sent to [sermons@upcch.org](mailto:sermons@upcch.org).

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ROBERTSON LANE. It is fine to park in the designated pull-in parking spaces, but the road itself is a fire lane and must be kept clear. Thank you for your understanding.

THE BENEDICTION frequently offered by Margaret is adapted from an anointing liturgy by Jim Cotter.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES are set aside on Sunday directly in front of the church on Franklin Street, and four spaces are available in the church parking lot off Robertson Lane. Please reserve these spaces for those with handicap parking permits.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS and portable hearing devices are available every Sunday in the narthex.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps. 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

THE WORSHIP BULLETIN, the weekly calendar, the announcements and UPC's newsletter are posted on the church Website at [www.upcch.org](http://www.upcch.org).



# Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

## News and Opportunities

May 6, 2018

### **Mission Study Team Update**

Thank you for all of the input, thoughts, engagement, and care you have provided the Mission Study Team in this season! We are so grateful for your participation, and we have loved being in conversation with you throughout the mission study process. As we move forward with writing the Mission Study Report, please do continue to share your reflections with us via our online suggestion box, ([upcch.org/missionstudy](http://upcch.org/missionstudy)), email ([missionstudyteam@upcch.org](mailto:missionstudyteam@upcch.org)), or conversation with any team member.

### **2018 Congregational Retreat**

**Register by Memorial Day, May 28, to get your spot in Assembly Inn for this year's retreat.** "Spirit on the Move," September 7-9, 2018, in Montreat. To learn more and to register, go to [www.upcch.org/retreat](http://www.upcch.org/retreat). Don't miss this incredible weekend in beautiful Montreat with your church family. Through the lens of the Pentecost story, we'll explore how the Holy Spirit is at work in our own lives and our Church. There will be pottery, paddle boating, hiking, BBQ, barn dancing, campfire, energizers, and more fun than you thought possible in 36 hours. Join in!

### **Reception for Elizabeth Michael**

We give thanks to God for the season Elizabeth Michael has shared with our congregation. Come share your gratitude for her ministry and wish her well in her next adventure on Sunday, May 13, after the 8:30 service until 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Mental Health Task Force**

Today, May 6, UPC joins communities around the country in recognizing Child Mental Health Awareness Day. Along with many faith communities, we are working hard to reduce the stigma, increase support, and raise awareness about the mental health needs of America's youth. Middle and high school Sunday School classes will receive green ribbons in honor of children and teens facing mental health challenges. Ribbons are also available in the narthex, along with a flyer explaining more about child mental health and our efforts to support members of our church family who struggle with these issues. Thank you for your support of this important cause!

### **Youth Choir Benefit Concert**

The Youth Choir Benefit Concert will be held May 6 at 7 p.m. at Binkley Baptist Church. The Youth Choirs from University Presbyterian Church, Binkley Baptist Church, University United Methodist Church, and United Church of Chapel Hill will perform a joint concert to support a local nonprofit of the youth choirs' representatives choosing. This year the offering collected at the concert will benefit the mental health initiative, Josh's Hope Foundation, a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to bridge gaps for young adults with mental illness. Each choir will perform an anthem and then combine to perform six anthems together. A representative from Josh's Hope Foundation will speak. If you would like to support this benefit and can't attend the concert, make your check payable to Binkley Baptist Church, with Youth Choir Benefit Concert in the memo line.

## Punch on the Porch

Punch on the Porch begins in June! Sign up to host this wonderful fellowship opportunity after the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service on the portico from June through September. All supplies are provided; simply add your smile and hospitality. Punch on the Porch is a great way to get to know our church family during the summer. To sign up to host Punch on the Porch, go to [goo.gl/rBxuw8](http://goo.gl/rBxuw8). If you have questions, please contact Kate Fiedler at [kate@upcch.org](mailto:kate@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102.

## Presbyterian Youth Connection

All youth and their families are encouraged to attend the Youth Choir Benefit Concert tonight at 7:00 at Binkley Baptist Church. We hope you will be there to support our Youth Choir and the choirs of other area churches as they lift their voices to raise funds for Josh's Hope. Contact Kim McNeill at [kim@upcch.org](mailto:kim@upcch.org) with any questions.

## Young Adults: Picnic & Ultimate Game

All young adults are invited to gather for a potluck picnic, followed by an Ultimate Frisbee game (or cheering from the sidelines). Join us Sunday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m. at Laura and Jessime Kirk's house (325 Sonoma Way, Chapel Hill). Come and enjoy the warmer weather! (No contribution necessary; come as you are.) If you have questions, email Catherine McKenas ([cmckenas@live.unc.edu](mailto:cmckenas@live.unc.edu)).

## Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar for UPC's Vacation Bible School! We will gather June 25-28 at New Hope Camp & Conference Center. Our theme will be "Rolling River Rampage." Along the river, children will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise and that they can always trust God to be with them. Online registration is open for members and non-members. Go to [upcch.org/vacation-bible-school](http://upcch.org/vacation-bible-school). Please go to [goo.gl/forms/VPRa5i-351gqSsFnA3](http://goo.gl/forms/VPRa5i-351gqSsFnA3) to register as a volunteer. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Myer at [nancy@upcch.org](mailto:nancy@upcch.org), Stephanie Duncan at [seduncan1@hotmail.com](mailto:seduncan1@hotmail.com), or Stacey Lange at [stacey.lange@gmail.com](mailto:stacey.lange@gmail.com). The groups for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are now closed, but registration continues for all other age groups.

## Adult Education, 9:45-10:45

**Bible Study:** *The Voice of God in the Silenced: A Look at Women in the Bible*. Focusing on five women in the Hebrew Bible, in this class we will participate in critical engagement with scripture, learning a new vocabulary of hope for 21st-century life, and looking to encounter the God-who-cannot-be-silenced among the voices of women who have been all too often. This Sunday: the Wife of Job: suffering and human faithfulness. Facilitator: Matt Moorman (PCM Ministerial Intern). Location: Vance Barron Hall.

**Faith and the Arts:** *Faith Stories*: This class will finish reading a collection of stories by wonderful writers on "varieties and vagaries of faith," *Faith Stories*, edited by Michael Curtis. This week: The discussion concludes with the story, "Music on the Muscatatuck," by Jessamyn West. Facilitator: Ruth Moose. Location: Terrace Room.

## Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is seeking a few friendly faces to help us in the exciting work of welcoming new members to our church. Committee members are asked to help out at two to three new member lunches throughout the year and to serve as a welcoming presence for visitors at UPC. If you are interested please contact Chelsey McElwee ([chelseymcelwee@gmail.com](mailto:chelseymcelwee@gmail.com)) for more information.

## Youth, Junior, and Children's Choirs

Montreat Worship and Music Family Meeting: Join us on Sunday, June 3, at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for the leaders and singers and their families who are attending Montreat Worship & Music Conference this summer (June 17-23, 2018). See you there, and hopefully, all your questions about Montreat will be answered! Contact Beth at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org) for more information.

Chorister's Guild Pins: If you would like a pearl attached to your pin for this year's participation in choir, it's time to give Beth Visser your pin! For more information, contact Beth at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org).

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12): Immediately following 11:00 worship this morning, the Youth Choir and their families and friends are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for some brief presentations. Seniors in the choir will be presented with the Chorister's Guild Pewter Cross necklace, and sixth graders will receive the *Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal*. This afternoon the Youth Choir will gather at Binkley Baptist Church at 4:45 in their sanctuary. May 6 begins Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, the color for the week is green. Singers are encouraged to wear varying shades of green in appropriate worship leadership apparel (for example: green tie, scarf, solid t-shirt, dress, or slacks, etc.). Bring \$5 for dinner. The Youth Benefit Concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pick-up will be at the Binkley Baptist Church following the concert at about 8 p.m. For more information, contact Beth at [visser@upcch.org](mailto:visser@upcch.org).

## Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:  
**Circle 1:** Wed., May 9, 7 p.m. Hostess: Elizabeth Moshier, 1074 Canterbury Lane, (919-933-1861)  
**Circle 2:** Mon., May 7, 10 a.m. Hostess: Betty Hutton, 420 Landerwood Ln, (919-942-6174)

## Is This My Child?

A haunted, faraway look dims her eyes. His report card shows his grades are dropping. Evening after evening, you are greeted with a withdrawn sullenness. You are trying to care for your child, but who will care for you? A Stephen Minister will listen and care as you sort out your feelings. Please contact Elizabeth Michael at [elizabeth@upcch.org](mailto:elizabeth@upcch.org) or (919) 929-2102, or you may visit [upcch.org/stephen-ministry](http://upcch.org/stephen-ministry) to learn more.

## General Announcement

University Presbyterian Church is now on Instagram @upc\_ch ([instagram.com/upc\\_ch](https://www.instagram.com/upc_ch)). Be sure to follow to stay up-to-date on what's happening at UPC. Remember to follow us on Facebook, too, at [facebook.com/upcch](https://www.facebook.com/upcch).

## Announcement from the Larger Community

Orange Resilience Initiative (ORI) will show the award-winning, must-see 60-minute film *Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope* on Saturday June 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Silverspot Cinema in Chapel Hill at University Place. This powerful movie is a conversation-starter and a perspective-changer. The event is FREE; tickets are not required. This film is intended for an adult audience. Please register to attend at [goo.gl/forms/ZNN1uxWWU-w7OSYGu2](https://goo.gl/forms/ZNN1uxWWU-w7OSYGu2). There will be a panel discussion following the film about how together we as a community can prevent adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and mitigate the impact of ACEs for Orange County.

# This Week and Next at University Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, May 6: Confirmation Sunday

- 8:30 & 11:00      Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)  
9:30                  Coffee on the Landing  
9:45-10:45        Sunday School for all ages  
12:15-12:45      VBS Volunteer Training: Dunham Hall  
4:45-6:00          Youth Choir rehearsal:  
                         Binkley Baptist Church  
7:00-8:00          Youth Choir Benefit Concert:  
                         Binkley Baptist Church

## Monday, May 7

- 7:00-8:00          Men's Breakfast: Terrace Room  
6:00-7:00          Administration Committee: Youth Center  
6:00-7:00          Global Outreach: Vance Barron Hall  
6:30-8:00          Nominating Committee: Dunham Hall  
7:00-8:30          Personnel Committee: Garden Room  
7:00-8:30          Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry Room

## Tuesday, May 8

- 10:00                Bulletin announcement deadline  
6:00-9:00          Presbyterian Women Dinner:  
                         Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, May 10

- 7:00-9:00          Session meeting: Vance Barron Hall

## Sunday, May 13

- 8:30 & 11:00      Worship Services (Nursery: Room 130/134)  
9:30                  Coffee on the Landing  
9:30-10:30        Reception for Elizabeth Michael:  
                         Fellowship Hall (following the 8:30 service)  
1:00-3:00          Young Adults: Picnic & Ultimate Game:  
                         325 Sonoma Way  
4:00-5:00          UPC worship service: Carolina Meadows  
6:00-8:00          PYC Senior Dinner: Fellowship Hall

## Monday, May 14

- 9:30-11:30        VBS Decorating Prep: Youth Center  
5:00-6:00          Local Outreach: Vance Barron Hall  
6:00-7:00          Outreach: Vance Barron Hall  
6:30-8:00          Nominating Committee: Dunham Hall  
7:00-8:00          Deacons meeting: Vance Barron Hall

## Tuesday, May 15

- 10:00                Bulletin announcement deadline  
12:00                *The Chimes* content deadline

## Wednesday, May 16

- 9:00-12:00        Spiritual Formation:  
                         Stephen Ministry Room

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**Remember, there is FREE parking at the  
Rosemary Street parking deck on Sundays.**

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