



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 15, 2023

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

If you are visiting today and looking for a church home, welcome! *For more than 170 years our Covenant has been: We covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ and one another, and bind ourselves in the presence of God to live together in all God's ways as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and holy scripture. The church acknowledges that all members have the right of individual interpretation of the principles of the Christian faith and respects them in their honest convictions. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord, the church recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.*

The liturgy of Morning Prayer is a form of daily worship adapted through the ages that has its earliest roots in our Jewish heritage. Its premise is one of praying to God at the beginning of the day—giving thanks for another day ahead. The service falls roughly into three main parts: Opening sentences and singing/reading of the Psalms; readings from Holy Scripture – usually one from the Hebrew texts, and one from the Gospels – interspersed with ancient songs of the church; and prayers. To this we add Holy Communion, bringing further meaning to the totality of the prayers we have already offered. The liturgy presupposes full and hearty congregational involvement in the spoken and sung responses, preparing us to be sent forth from this house of worship into the wider world to live out the Great Commission.

PRELUDE

Ann Eliot, pianist

OPENING SENTENCES

The Rev. Joanna Samuelson

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, the life and light of humanity.

People: Great is God's love for us. Alleluia!

*Please stand as you are able
(* indicates Congregation standing)*

* THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

L: O God, open our lips.

P: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

L: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

P: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

* OPENING SONG

I Sing as I Arise Today

Seed of Life

1. I sing as I a - rise to - day! I call on my Cre - a - tor's might:
2. The word of God to be my speech, The hand of God to be my stay,
3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

The will of God to be my guide, The eye of God to be my sight.
The shield of God to be my strength, The path of God to be my way.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

L: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

P: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

L: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

P: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

L: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

P: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

L: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

P: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

L: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

P: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

L: The peace of God be always with you.

P: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Samuelson

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Rev. Samuelson

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 49.

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb the Lord named me. The Lord made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of the Lord's hand I was hidden; the Lord made me a polished arrow; in the Lord's quiver I was hidden away. And the Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be the Lord's servant, to bring Jacob back, and that Israel might be gathered to God, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—God says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and the Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L: May light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Today we sing stanzas 3 and 4.

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff an alto clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, divided into three sections corresponding to the staves. The first section (top staff) contains five stanzas of lyrics in English. The second section (middle staff) contains lyrics in English, with some words in German: "ci - ty of our dreams. On dis - tant hills a walls the dawn ap - pears, and his - to - ry shall from gates, like o - pen hands, shall gath - er gifts moon sal - va - tion rise to spar - kle in give up their place, when love shines out ci - ty of our dreams. On dis - tant hills a walls the dawn ap - pears, and his - to - ry shall from gates, like o - pen hands, shall gath - er gifts moon sal - va - tion rise to spar - kle in give up their place, when love shines out glo - ry gleams: the new cre - a - tion has be - gun. dry its tears, as na - tions stream towards your light. all the lands, and wel - come all the hu - man race. ter - nal skies from a - ve - nues of praise and peace. ev - ery face, our good, our glo - ry, and de - light." The third section (bottom staff) continues the lyrics in English.

THE SECOND READING

John 1:29-42

Rev. Ahrens

A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 1.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

L: May light break forth on God's Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CANTICLE: SONG OF SIMEON

Land of Rest

1. Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
 2. This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light,

 These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.
 God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.

HOMILY

"What Would Mike Say?"

Rev. Ahrens

THE PRAYERS

Rev. Samuelson

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, you have given us the Word in flesh. Let the Word be the wisdom for all that we do in our lives; through Jesus Christ, this Word, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, the members, family, and friends who are listed in the Depart to Serve and whom we hold in our hearts in prayer. As directed, you are invited to pray silently or aloud for those needs and concerns you have.)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, be our starting point and our haven, and accompany us in this day's journey. Use our hands to do the work of your creation, and use our lives to bring others the new life you give this world in Jesus Christ, redeemer of all. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

Want to give online? Please scan this QR code link, or see additional instructions in the Depart to Serve leaflet:



MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Ahrens

Designated gifts go to support **BREAD**. We are all members of the BREAD organization ~ Building Responsibility Equality And Dignity. Your gifts are needed to help us build a strong justice ministry in Columbus. Thank you for your generosity.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

1. Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and Heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast-en-ing rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 3. God of our wear - y years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies; Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 Yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 Thou Who hast by Thy might led us in - to the light; Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, Our God, where we met Thee; Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for-

brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 slaug - tered, Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 get Thee; Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last Where the pure gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Ahrens

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have brought us from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom, from death to rebirth. Transform our lives with this heavenly food, that we may shine with your love and take to the world the risen life of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Melissa Kulwicki

L: Let us sing the closing hymn as we depart with a heart to serve.

P: Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN

Many are the Lightbeams

Lightbeams

Ma - ny are the light-beams from the one light. Our one light is Je-sus.
Ma - ny are the light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.

* BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Rev. Ahrens

POSTLUDE



Depart to Serve

January 15, 2023

This Week at First Church

1/15

9 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer & Communion (Parish Hall & Virtual)
10 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation (Classroom C & Virtual) Faith Formation (Classrooms) Coffee Sales (Parish Hall)
11 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Virtual)
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall) Coffee Sales (Parish Hall)
6 p.m.	Youth Connections (Parish Hall)

1/16

Church and Office are Closed in Observance of
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1/17

4 p.m.	Annual Campaign Committee Mtg (Virtual)
7 p.m.	Church Council Mtg (Virtual)

1/18

10 a.m.	Largest Table Food Prep and Delivery (Kitchen)
10:30 a.m.	Book Study (Virtual)

1/19

7:15 p.m.	First Church Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
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1/20

5:30 p.m.	Time Out Friday (Northstar Café at Easton)
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1/22

9 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer & Communion (Parish Hall & Virtual)
10 a.m.	Faith Formation (Classrooms) First Serves (Education Wing)
11 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Virtual)
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
6 p.m.	Youth Connections (Parish Hall)

This Week in Faith Formation Sunday, January 15 at 10 a.m.

All are invited to participate in our Faith Formation classes for all ages that take place from 10-10:50 a.m. on the first three Sundays of the month. On the fourth Sunday, there is an intergenerational service project that takes place during the Sunday School hour (more details about that next week!)

Our Adult Faith Formation Class conversation about human trafficking continues this week, Sunday, January 15. Our guest presenter will be Ms. Tiandra Finch, Director of Programs, at “Freedom a la Cart,” an organization that provides a safe space for survivors of human trafficking to heal, learn, and grow as they prepare for sustainable employment and reintegrate with our community.

If you'd like to participate via Zoom, the passcode is:058882, and the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82717081754?pwd=c1BjTmhaUUtPRmlYdmMyZmtoR2hBZz09>. If you need additional information about any of our classes, please don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Joanna (jsamuelson@first-church.org). Hope you can join us!

The 2023 Annual Campaign

Thank you to those who have submitted their pledge to the 2023 Annual Campaign “Together in Mission. Sharing God’s Love.” Your commitment supports the mission and ministry of First Congregational Church and allows the Budget and Finance committee to plan a sustainable operating budget.

If you have not submitted your pledge yet, please do so by today, Sunday, January 15 . Visit www.first-church.org/annual-campaign or Realm to pledge online. Pledge forms can also be found in the church office and in each week's Depart to Serve newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns please email Business Administrator Annette McCormick at amccormick@first-church.org

Time Out Friday
January 20
5:30-7 p.m., Jazz starts at 6 p.m.
Northstar Café at Easton
4015 Townsfair Way
Columbus OH, 43219
614-532-5444

If you like hearing free live jazz music and eating good food, then we have the perfect event for you! Join us for dinner on Friday, January 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Northstar Café (at Easton) where they offer live jazz music at 6 p.m.! It will be a lovely time to connect and enjoy the talents of local musicians. It's important that everyone register by January 18 so we can be sure to save you a seat. We hope to see you there!

To register visit <https://onrealm.org/TheFirstCongreg/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MjY5OTg3NjctMjViNS00NTUzLTkzMzgtYWY3MjAxMTUxMzEz>

Laundry Love

“Laundry Love” is an outreach ministry which provides the opportunity for individuals and families of low income to wash their own clothes and bedding, without cost, at a local laundromat.

Our next “Laundry Love” event is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the West Land Laundromat in Franklinton. As volunteers, we assist individuals with operating the washers and dryers.

If you are interested or need additional information, please contact Kris Brant (kbrant2408@gmail.com) or Rev. Joanna (jsamuelson@first-church.org) for more details.

Thank you for all the ways that you serve God by serving our community!

Book Lovers Alert!

At last! A book to accompany your morning cup of equal exchange coffee! What's more, you can get them both at the same time. The Adult Library is being reimaged with TLC, and some books will look for a new home. Books that are duplicate copies or not an asset to the collection will be available to you starting in January. During coffee sales on the first and third Sundays of the month, there will be a cart of orphan books located near the coffee cart. You are welcome to browse through the books and take whatever you like.

Donations will be accepted. Money from any contribution will be used for environmental-related needs of the church. Each Sunday you may find a different set of titles, so come often, browse, and enjoy!

Give

At First Church, our financial resources enable us to “Enter to worship, depart to serve.” You can support the mission and ministry of First Church now by using either EasyTithe or PayPal, by visiting <https://www.first-church.org/give/>, or by sending your offering directly to First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information, please contact Annette McCormick at amccormick@firstchurch.org.

Designated gifts go to support BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity). BREAD is the organization through which our congregation works for social justice. BREAD has a 24-year history of improving the quality of life in Central Ohio by researching serious community problems and gathering the power of people in nearly 40 congregations to press public officials to implement proven solutions to those problems. BREAD rises! Thank you for your generosity.

Save the Date
The Annual Meeting
Sunday January 29
One Worship Service at 10 a.m.
Meeting at 11 a.m.
Church Potluck at Noon

Global Mission Partners
Emmanuel Baptist Church and
Lutheran Church of El Salvador

The vision of Emmanuel Baptist Church, located in El Salvador's capital city of San Salvador, is to be a Christian, Evangelical, Baptist, and Ecumenical church committed to the cause of peace and justice in El Salvador. The church's mission is to promote personal and community transformation through evangelism, education, and training of pastors and deacons to contribute to constructing a more just and humane society.

The Lutheran Church of El Salvador began as a North America Mission in the 1950s and today is a vital Central American Church. El Salvador is a country whose 12-year civil war claimed an estimated 75,000 lives. Speaking out in opposition to the government can be a serious crime. The church has long believed that service and advocacy on behalf of the poor are fundamental to the Church's mission. The Lutheran Church of El Salvador focuses on three basic human rights in the aftermath of the civil war and ongoing human rights violations in El Salvador. The Truth, Justice, and Peace project is working for the people's right to the truth, to justice, and to amends regarding the events during the civil war and the continued torture, execution, and disappearance of people even today.

Keep in Prayer

Members Anne Morganstern; Glenn and Sharon Bardus; Rick Sayre; Gretchen Atkinson; Leslie Boltz; Wendy Reber; Annette McCormick; Lesley Schaab; Larry and Diane Dixon; Rick and Lourdes Henderson; Kay Neffenger; Martha Huey; Bob Davis; Twink Starr; Lola Edwards; Rick Brant; Betsy Zahn; Janice White; John Carter and Mary Kay Beall Carter.

Family and friends George Ferzli's father; Lee Wetmore's daughter, Rhonda and family; Jenny Provenzano's friend, Lola; Gail and Jim Lowe's great niece, Ani; Margaret Cipriani's sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Terry Godwin; Barb Clapham's friends Bruce and Pat DeLong; Nancy Loy's friend, Maxey; Tim Ahrens' friends Janis and Jerome Cripe; Paula Terry-Locke; Margaret Cipriani's friend, Marilyn Niethammer; Kathy Reed's cousin, Michael Chambers, and her friend, Sue Pinkerton; Victor John's parents, Charles and Mary Jane John; Tom Gies' sister, Monica Depinet; Nancy Mayle; and Martha Huey's sister, Stephanie Childs.

Those who mourn loved ones Jan Kevan on the death of her son, Rick; George Ferzli and family on the death of his mother; Megan Smith, grandson Peregrin Smith Jr. and family on the death of her step-granddaughter and his sister, Sarah; Phil Armbruster, on the death of his father; and Carl, Beth, and Jude Gelfius, on the death of Carl's father.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we lift the people and churches in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. We pray for Global Ministries workers at the Emmanuel Baptist Church and Lutheran Church of El Salvador.

Please note that individuals will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, unless specified to clergy or staff.

Music, Arts, & Heritage Commission Hosts January Coffee Hour

January Coffee Hour is being sponsored by the Commission for Music, Arts and Heritage with January 15 being the Arts Committee, January 22 - Music Committee, and January 29 - Heritage Committee - helping with lunch, as a part of the Congregational Meeting. Join us in Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. service!

Church Leadership

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, D.Min., M.Div.

Interim Associate Minister: Rev. Joanna Samuelson, M.Div.

Director of Christian Education: Mark S. Williams, [M.Ed.](#)

Interim Organist: Barry Moenter

Interim Choral Director: Jim Gallagher

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Nursery Staff: Miranda Brooks, Shelly Gies, Courtney Palmer

Senior Deacon: Martha Wilson

Senior Deacon-elect: Lynn Wallich

Deacons: Scott Graham, Greg Halbe, Tom Kiesel, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, Nan Kreimer, Gail Lowe, James Lowe, Allison Lowery Palmer, Dayna McCrary, Hank Wilson, Marty Worth

Church Council Leadership

Moderator: Christine Farquhar

Moderator-elect: Greg Halbe

Treasurer: Andy Bensing

Treasurer-elect: James Velo

Secretary: Marty Worth

Secretary-elect:

Board of Trustees

Chairperson: Sue Cook

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Church Vitality: Cosby Carrico

Church Vitality-elect: Wendy Kennedy

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Education-elect:

House & Grounds: Mark Brown

House & Grounds-elect: Mike Kennedy

Justice & Mercy: Kris Brant

Justice & Mercy-elect:

Music, Arts & Heritage: Sandra Mathias

Music, Arts & Heritage-elect: Melissa Kulwicki

Members-at-Large: Dayna McCrary and Alyssia Palmer

2023 Nominations Slate

Officers

Moderator: Greg Halbe

Vice Moderator:

Treasurer: James Velo

Treasurer Elect:

Secretary:

Secretary Elect:

Commissioners

Administration Commissioner:

Administration Commissioner - Elect:

Church Growth Commissioner:

Church Growth Commissioner - Elect:

Church Vitality Commissioner: Wendy Kennedy

Church Vitality Commissioner - Elect:

Education Commissioner:

Education Commissioner - Elect:

House & Grounds Commissioner:

House & Grounds Commissioner - Elect:

Music, Arts, & Heritage Commissioner:

Music, Arts, & Heritage Commissioner - Elect:

Justice & Mercy Commissioner: Kris Brant

Justice & Mercy Commissioner - Elect: Jan Miller

At-Large Members

Adult Member-at-Large:

Youth Member-at-Large:

Nominating Chair

Christine Farquhar

Trustees

Chair: Sue Cook

2-year term:

4-year term: Jan Miller, Hugh Schultz

Deacons

Senior Deacon: Martha Wilson

Senior Deacon - Elect: Lynn Wallich

2-year term: Fran Panek, Marty Worth

3-year term:

Welcome Statement

You are welcomed, affirmed, and loved here; our faith informs us that you are a child of a loving God. Your characteristics and gifts will enrich our congregation. In this community, you will be celebrated, embraced, and honored, no matter how you identify or how your identity may evolve. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to join us in our diverse yet united experience.

First Church is a Faith Community

- † Called together by God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, to worship, pray and serve;
- † Led by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior, to learn the faith and welcome all God's children;
- † Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.

Open and Affirming Statement

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, welcome and affirm all. We believe we are all created in God's image and called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, called to unite all people in God's love. We are a community seeking God's presence and love in our lives. We seek to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, sexes, gender identities and expressions, family structures, mental, intellectual and physical conditions, economic circumstances, political, theological and faith backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

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God is still speaking,

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