



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.*

*What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.*

*These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.*

Adam M.L. Tice, 2009
Glory to God - The Presbyterian Hymnal - 771

MORNING WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Psalm 20

B. Marcello

Dr. Stephen E. Carlton, organist

Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Robert Ater

Leader: Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

*People: Come, lost sheep,
be gathered in God's compassion.*

*Leader: Come, lost coins,
spend yourselves in praise.*

*People: Come, lost sons and daughters,
and be found in God's grace.*

Leader: Come and praise God!

* HYMN 23 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Pleading Savior

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

*Leader: Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one
of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness
and go after the one that is lost until you find it?
When you have found it,
you lay it on your shoulders and rejoice.*

*People: And when we come home, we call together
our friends and neighbors, saying to them,
'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'*

*Leader: Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one
sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons
who need no repentance. (Luke 15:3-7)*

*All: Gracious God, we are the lost; seek us and find us.
We have wandered without purpose, wasting the time and
neglecting the gifts given to build up our common life.*

We have strayed from the fold of grace, disdain others and ignoring You. We have been seduced by greener pastures, the quick fix, the easy dollar, the sure thing. Forgive our reluctance to commit ourselves to Your guidance and care. Enfold us in mercy and mold us in Your image, that we may live as a faithful people; in the name of Jesus Christ; Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Larson

* THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

* RESPONSE *(the congregation sings)*

Glorious is your name, Most Holy, God and Savior of us all;

We, your servants, bow before you, Strive to answer every call.

You with life's great good have blest us,

Cared for us from earliest years;

Unto you our thanks we render; Your deep love o'er comes all fears.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

THE SCRIPTURES II Corinthians 5:16-21 (NT 181)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Psalm 130 "Out of the Depths" *Ferguson*

Out of the depths I cry to you; O Savior, hear me calling. Out of the depths I have cried to you; Let your ears consider the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, who, Lord? Who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; therefore, you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for the Lord, whose word is my hope.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Larson

* HYMN 436 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us *O Quanta Qualia*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Bush

"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Elder Julia Vosper

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.

Online worshippers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.

OFFERTORY

Adagio in B-flat Major

B. Marcello

*Children, youth, and teachers gather at the font for prayer
before proceeding to Church School in The Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY (*the congregation sings*)

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

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 15:1-3,11-32

(NT 78)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Joining the Celebration"

Rev. Ater

* HYMN 774 There is Now a New Creation

Stuttgart

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Rev. Ater

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

B. Marcello

The paraments on the pulpit and lectern are purple during Lent, symbolizing penitence.

*There are no flowers in the Chancel until Easter morning,
and the "alleluia" is retired until the Resurrection of the Lord is proclaimed.*

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **188th anniversary** this month. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Pam Mahnke, Nancy Snyder, and Patsy Aster. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Susan and Jeff Teerink and Leslie Davis. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. A **“crying room” on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. Click the following link to read this week’s “Wednesday Grace” for more information: <https://conta.cc/41R5WQV>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

CONFESSING THE FAITH IN UNSTEADY TIMES

An Exploration of the *Confession of Belhar*

TODAY Sunday, March 30 + 11:15 in the Upper Room

Throughout the history of the Christian movement, churches have written confessions of faith (a public declarations of what a church believes) when they have sensed an urgent and emerging need to share their convictions in response to changing cultural landscapes. **TODAY**, Dr. Bush will discuss the Confession of Belhar, written in 1986 in response to apartheid in South Africa. Copies of the confession are on the Great Hall tables and in the Upper Room. Reading the confession beforehand is not required to participate.

ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?

Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:

"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"

following worship on Sunday, April 27 at 11:15

Tour the church building, hear about Immanuel’s ministries, and learn about what it means to be Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

Join us for a Welcome and Orientation Event!

Sunday, May 4

following worship from 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Designed for new friends interested in nurturing a deeper Immanuel connection and/or considering membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear Immanuel’s story and learn about our shared mission and ministry. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending either of these events, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater in the church office (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

In Memoriam

Hester Besteda died on Tuesday evening, December 17 in her home at St. Camillus Retirement Community. A skilled pianist, Hester joined Immanuel in 2015 and occasionally accompanied the congregation in worship. She was also an ordained deacon in the Presbyterian Church (USA). **A memorial service for Hester is being held this Saturday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** Our prayers and sympathies are with her family.

Lent 2025



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

“Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes”

Soup supper in the Upper Room at 6:00,
followed by table worship and the Lord’s Supper
Conversation and Discussion at 7:00

This year’s theme, “Everything in Between,” is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Each week a presenter with expertise and wisdom will help us engage the binaries of our lives and help us to see that God is present in between.

THIS WEEK: April 2

Righteousness & Mercy: Peacemaking through nonviolence Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright is the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF), an organization committed to non-violence and justice that engages in peacemaking action, education, and advocacy across all levels of the PC(USA). Dr. Lyter Bright will lead a conversation on how we can be faithful peacemakers through a lens of non-violence and how our small efforts for peace add up to make a difference.

**Come for soup and worship at 6:00 or study at 7:00 or both!
The evenings have been designed with flexibility in mind.**

Although not necessary, signing up in advance helps the cooks and ministers with planning. Sign up in the Parlor or click https://bit.ly/IPC_LentSoupSuppers2025!

Upcoming Topics

Brochures with more details are on the Great Hall Tables.

NEXT Wednesday, April 9 - Lost & Found: In our season of congregational transition, Interim Pastor Randy Bush and the newly commissioned Immanuel Transition Team will lead a conversation that asks and invites real questions about identity, community, and hospitality.



WITH JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

Annual "Upper Room Meal" on Palm Sunday, April 13

for all members and friends

Luke's gospel tells the story of the first "Palm Sunday,"
and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with these words...

"As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. . .
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully. . .

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!'"

Luke 19:36-38

On Palm Sunday, begin *your* journey through Holy Week
at our annual **Upper Room Meal**.

Join the palm-waving procession of children to our own "Upper Room,"
where we will enjoy a first-century meal of bread, fish, olives, dates, figs, eggs,
and goat cheese; hear stories from persons who knew Jesus; and learn about
the origins of the Lord's Supper as we share this holy meal around our tables.

All are invited

Palm Sunday + April 13 at 11:15 a.m.

Sign up TODAY in the Parlor, the Peaceable Kingdom, or
online: https://bit.ly/IPC_UpperRoomMeal2025

CELEBRATING THE REV. DR. TOWNER'S BIRTHDAY

We celebrate with joy the 100th birthday of the Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner, the first woman to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Rev. Towner was born on March 19, 1925 and ordained on October 24, 1956 by the Presbytery of Syracuse-Cayuga. She went on to serve several churches, including 17 years in the Presbytery of Milwaukee as one of the pastors for the Kettle Moraine parish until retiring in 1990. Her life and ministry have guided, encouraged and inspired countless generations of pastors in the Presbyterian Church (USA) where now 42% of active ministers are women.

MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OUTING

Parish Life Council outing to the MSO's
performance of *Brahm's German Requiem*

Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. + Sign up today!

**"Brahm's Talk" NEXT Sunday, April 6 with Dr. Bush
following worship in the Upper Room**

Inspired by last summer's "Monday Musicales" presentation on *Brahm's German Requiem* with Dr. Bush, a block of 40 tickets for an upcoming performance of the piece were booked for Immanuel members and friends. Immanuel friends are invited to meet for dinner before the concert at the [Third Street Market Hall](#). Concert tickets are available for \$40.00; sign up in the Parlor. **Dr. Bush will reprise his "Brahm's talk" NEXT Sunday, April 6** following worship in the Upper Room. All are invited to gather for this condensed summary of Brahms' masterwork, whether or not you plan to attend the April 11 concert.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED!

**Do you have ideas for upcoming "Immanuel Reads"
offerings for the Adult Education Committee**

Send book recommendations to Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) to be passed on to the Adult Education Committee. Stay tuned for more "Immanuel Reads" discussion opportunities coming soon.

EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES

Bayside Garden Center Fundraiser

Eastside Senior Services (ESS) is sponsoring their annual Floral Fundraiser. Purchase a gift card for **Bayside Garden Center** and 15% will be donated to ESS to support its work. Place your order online at <https://essmilw.org/donate/> OR send a check to Eastside Senior Services, 1840 N. Prospect Ave, Box 216, Milwaukee, 53202. **Online orders and checks must be received by April 30.** Gift cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day. Immanuel has been a longtime mission partner of Eastside Senior Services, a neighborhood program which helps older adults on Milwaukee's East Side continue to live independently and in their own homes. Elder Julia Vosper serves on the ESS board on behalf of Immanuel Church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

March 30

8:55

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Choir rehearsal

9:30-noon

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

10:00

Morning Worship; Rev. Ater preaching

10:30-noon

Church School for children and youth ~
The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level

11:15

Confessing the Faith - Belhar ~ *Upper Room*

March 31

4:00

Adult Education Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

6:00

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

April 1

6:00

Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ *virtual*

April 2

6:00

Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables,

7:00

Study and discussion ~ *Upper Room*

April 5

1:30

Memorial service for Hester Besteda ~ *Sanctuary*

NEXT SUNDAY

April 6

8:55

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Choir rehearsal

9:30-noon

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

10:00

Morning Worship; Dr. Bush preaching

10:30-noon

Church School for children and youth ~
The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level

11:15

Brahm's *Requiem* Talk with Dr. Bush ~ *Upper Room*

April 7

6:00

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

April 8

5:00

Mission Committee meeting ~ *Block Conference Room*

April 9

6:00

Lenten Soup Supper, The Lord's Supper at tables,

7:00

Study and discussion ~ *Upper Room*

Holy Week

at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

April 13 **Palm/Passion Sunday**

10:00 Morning Worship

11:15 Upper Room Meal

April 17 **Maundy Thursday**

7:30 The Lord's Supper

April 18 **Good Friday**

7:30 Service of Tenebrae

April 19 **Holy Saturday**

7:30 Easter Vigil

April 20 **Resurrection of the Lord**

10:00 Easter Morning Worship

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers - Dick Myers, Jeff McEathron, Steve Jacobs, and Mark Connelly; Camera operator - David Ravie.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING: Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.** Please **DO NOT** park in the Barnett Gallery lot.

PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE



Bulletins returned to the tables in the Narthex will be recycled.



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March 30, 2025

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 E^b B^b E^b Cm A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b



spread the plain, mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate - ful wor - ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b B^b



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm)(F#m) (G)(A) (D) (G)
 E^b Cm Gm A^b B^b E^b A^b



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
 E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b Fm E^b B^b E^b



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

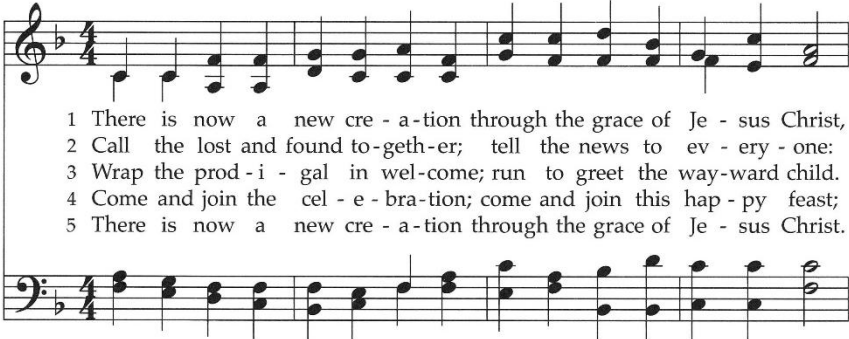
giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

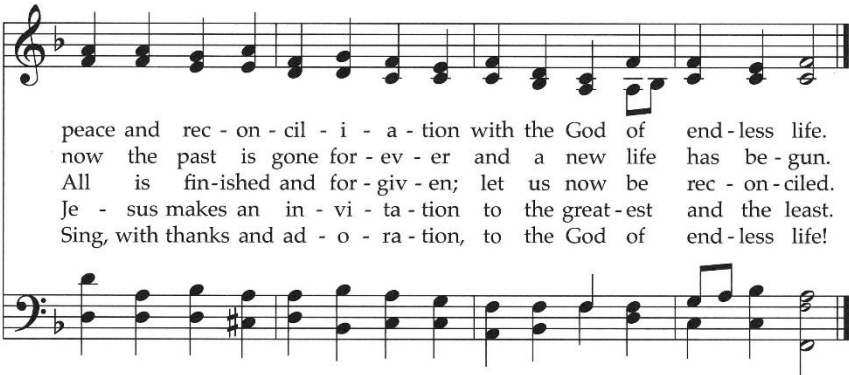
pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.

774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

OFFICERS OF IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elders and Deacons in the class of 2025 complete their term of office at the end of May and new elders and deacons will be elected. Trustees for the class of 2028 will be nominated and elected at the Annual Financial meeting next January.

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

Laurel Heebsh
Sibyl McCarley
David Plank
Julia Vosper

Class of 2026

Kate Egan
Lindsey McKee
Scott Silet
Carol Tsao

Class of 2027

Susan Kraeblen
Kate Perry
Jon Richards
Bobbi Timberlake

Randall K. Bush, *Interim Pastor and Moderator* Sue Rennane, *Clerk*
Robert W. Ater and Teresa A. Larson, *Associate Pastors*

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2025

Mar MacLeod Brahm
Audra Brennan
Janet Christiaansen
Eileen Pierce
Mary Stetson

Class of 2026

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Connie Goggin
Christine Karpowicz
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Justine Mayer

Class of 2027

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Class of 2025

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Sara Hein
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Class of 2027

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Keith Pierce
Lisa Trost

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Randall K. Bush, *ex officio* Jill Fahr, *Church Treasurer*

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will meet soon to nominate members to serve on the **Session**, the **Board of Deacons**, and the **2025-26 Nominating Committee**. Nominees will be elected at the Annual Program Meeting on June 1, 2025. **Participate in the process by suggesting names** for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The people you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church. The current board rosters are listed on the reverse. Members who are currently serving are not eligible for election.

*Please be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office;
only names with qualifications will be considered.*

NAME _____ OFFICE _____

QUALIFICATIONS _____

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2024/25 Nominating Committee: Kathleen Burchby (Board of Deacons); Spencer Frank (Board of Trustees); Carol Tsao and Jon Richards (Session); Marge Brindley, Margaret Crowley, Will Loder, Elise Pennington, and Leslie Smart from the congregation-at-large; and the Interim Pastor, ex officio without vote.

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OR EMAIL YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

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