



# PARISH

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SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Lent

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When Christ returns at the end of the age, the dead will be raised...The resurrection body of believers will be conformed to that of Christ's glory... It will be the body as it has been raised or glorified, not an altogether new and unrelated body...this body will be so conformed to the image and glory of Christ that no vestige of the power and destructive effects of sin will remain. —Cornelius Vennema

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.*

### Gospel Invitation—from John 11:25-26

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die."

### Sung Response—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1



What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

### Call to Worship—from Psalm 145:1, 3-4, 14, 17-18

Pastor: We will extol You, our God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

All: **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Reader 1: One generation shall commend Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Reader 2: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: **The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.**

Pastor: The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

# Congregational Hymn—Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,  
 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee!  
 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
 Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
 Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him!

All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near,  
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will do,  
 Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain;

Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 If with His love He be - friend thee.  
 Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665.

# GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

## Congregational Psalm—He Who Trusts In The Lord (Psalm 125)

Chorus



He who trusts in the Lord shall be like Zi-on's hill; Like a moun-tain ne-ver mov-ing,  
Through storm-y gales and win-ter's i - cy chill, He is stand-ing still. *Fine*

Verse



Like the moun - tains stand-ing tall watch-ing o - ver\_\_ Zi - on's walls,  
Let no wick - ed\_\_ rod com-mand in the right - eous\_\_ peo - ple's land  
Do Your good un - to the good, to the up - right hearts, O\_\_ Lord;



So the Lord de - fends His peo - ple from their foes both great and small.  
Lest His folk, in\_\_ bit - ter an - ger, they stretch out a - veng - ing hands  
Those who turn down crook - ed path - ways meet the end that e - vil should.

AFTER VS. 3, TO BRIDGE

Bridge



WOMEN  
Peace be to the Is - ra - el of



MEN  
Peace be to the Is - ra - el of God!



God! Peace be to thee!



Peace be to the Is - ra - el of God! *D.C. al Fine*

Text: based on Psalm 125:1-5, Henry C. Haffner, 2025;  
Music: CLINGMAN'S DOME, Henry C. Haffner, 2025.

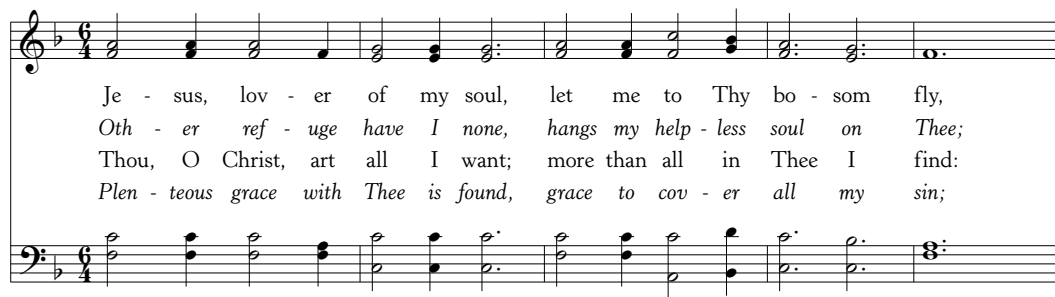
## Scripture Reading—Luke 8:40-42, 49-56

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around Him. While He was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." And when He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and mourning for her, but He said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand He called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And He directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

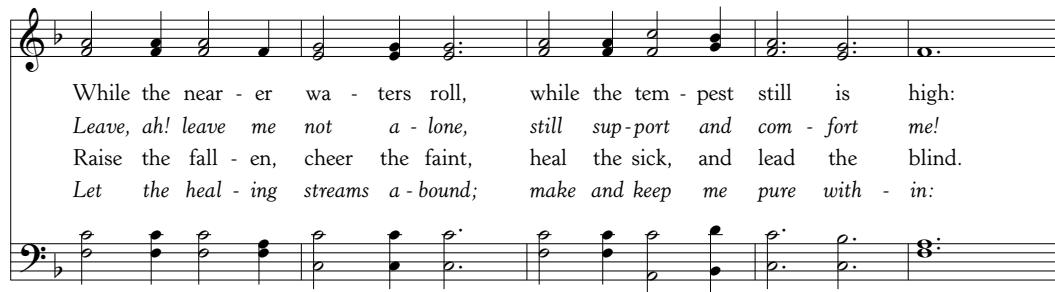
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

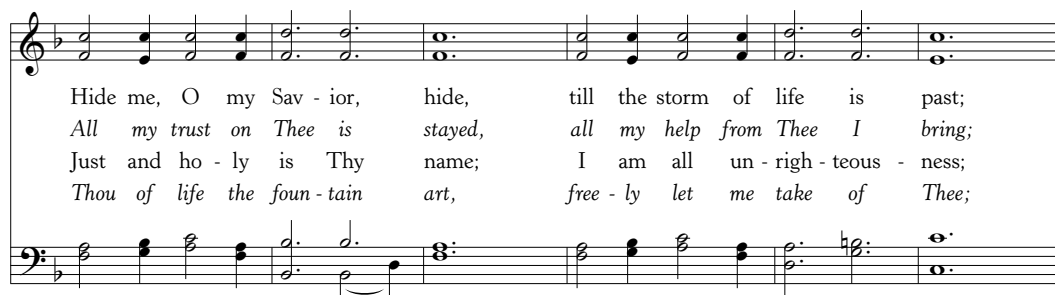
## Congregational Hymn—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul



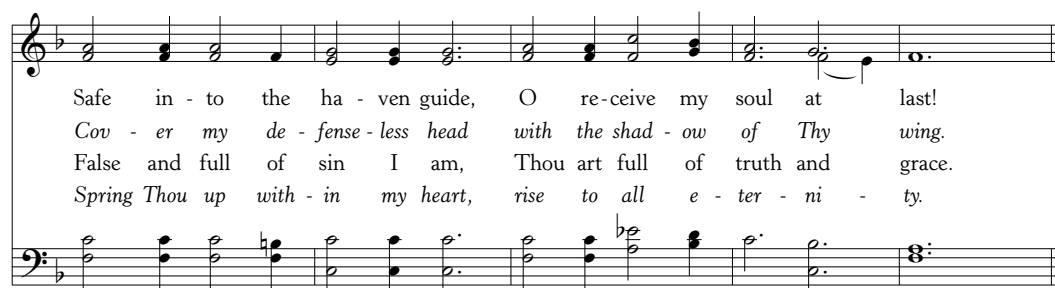
Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bo - som fly,  
Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on Thee;  
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:  
Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



While the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:  
Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!  
Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;  
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of Thee;



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.  
Spring Thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

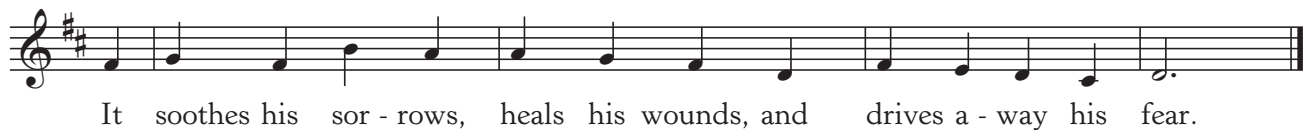
## Reading of the Word—Acts 9:32-43

<sup>32</sup>Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. <sup>33</sup>There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. <sup>34</sup>And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. <sup>35</sup>And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. <sup>36</sup>Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup>So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup>And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup>And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds, Vs. 1



Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836.

## Sermon—*The Ongoing Work Multiplied*

—Associate Pastor, Brian Phillips

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

*The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### Confession of Sin—based on Romans 3:11-12, 23; 5:12; 6:23

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. No one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

All: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Therefore, we confess that we have been unbelieving and prideful.

Pastor: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, so death spread to all men because all sinned.

All: Therefore, we acknowledge that the wages of our sin is death, and we turn to You in faith.

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

## Sung Response—Lamb Of God

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O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of — God, that takes a - way the sins of the world,

*Slightly faster*

WOMEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

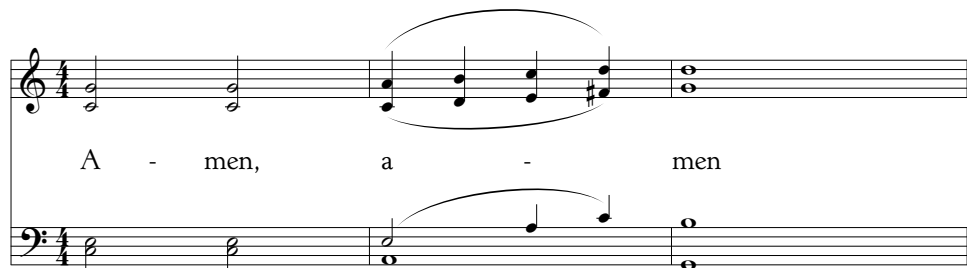
## Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 103:2-5, 11-12; Mark 12:30

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

## Sung Response—Twofold Amen



A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18<sup>th</sup> century.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

*As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.*

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

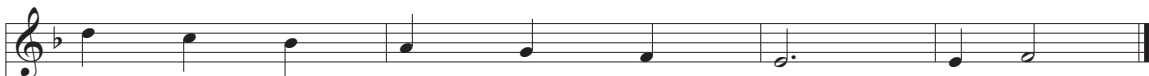


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

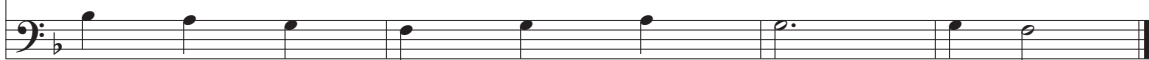
MEN



We praise You, we bless\_ You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

## Congregational Hymn—Come, Ye Disconsolate

Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,  
Joy of the de - so - late, light of the stray - ing,  
Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing

Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.  
Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!  
Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound-ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
Here speaks the com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can - not heal.  
"Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can - not cure."  
Earth has no sor - row but Heav - en can re - move.

Text: Thomas More, 1816; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2007.

## Congregational Hymn—Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
When my way grows - drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; \_\_\_\_\_  
When my life is \_\_\_\_\_ al - most \_\_\_\_\_ gone, \_\_\_\_\_  
And the day is \_\_\_\_\_ past and \_\_\_\_\_ gone, \_\_\_\_\_

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: \_\_\_\_\_  
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home. \_\_\_\_\_

Text: Thomas Dorsey, 1938; Music: MAITLAND, George Nelson Allen, 1844.

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—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.*

## Congregational Hymn—There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Em - man - uel's veins;  
The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;  
E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup - ply,  
Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power,

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.  
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.  
Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;  
Washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;

And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.  
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.  
Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

### Benediction—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—Christ Be With Me



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,



Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: attr. St. Patrick, 5th Century, tr. C. F. Alexander, 1889; Music: CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish melody, arr. Richard Terry, *The Westminster Hymnal*, 1912.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, which is traditionally a time of prayer, fasting, and repentance leading up to Easter, observed by Christians since the days of the early church. Several elements of the service have been adjusted to fit the character of this season. We will begin each Sunday by singing *What Wondrous Love Is This* (reflecting on Jesus paying the penalty for our “dreadful curse”) and go out singing *Christ Be With Me* (confessing our need for His continual presence in our lives). Each week we will take a moment after corporate confession to confess silently, and respond by singing from John 1:29, “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.” The closing hymns for the next five weeks will be focused on the Crucifixion—this week, it’s the beloved *There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood* by William Cowper. The prevalence of minor key music, times of silence, and confessional passages from Scripture may seem a bit more somber than usual. But I pray the reflective character of these next five weeks will prepare us for the joy of Easter morning. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Rise, Heals, Turned, Believed, Jesus, Lord, Prayed, Paralyzed, Dead

**Keystone Verse:** And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. (Acts 9:34)



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