

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Blessed

Yusef Lateef (1920-2013)

GREETING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire, and fill us with your celestial fire.
For if you go with us, then nothing else matters. And if you do not go with us,
then nothing else matters. We pray this in the name of your beloved. Amen.*

– Barbara Brown Taylor

CHORAL INTROIT

I Woke Up This Morning

Spiritual; arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelujah.

Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelujah.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 112)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who revere the Lord, who delight greatly in God's commandments.

People: They rise in the darkness as a light: they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Pastor: It is well with those who deal generously,

People: who conduct their affairs with justice.

Pastor: Come, let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 733

We All Are One in Mission

Es flog ein kleins Valdvögelein

*Please sing the melodies of the hymns this morning, as Dr. Fletcher has crafted
harmonizations that differ from those printed in the hymnal.*

✦ please stand as you are able

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We confess that we have often lost our flavor, blending into the world rather than flavoring it with your love and grace. Forgive us when we have hidden our light, fearful of being different or embarrassed to stand for your truth. Forgive us for being silent when we should have spoken, and for allowing our witness to fade into apathy. We have often chosen convenience over conviction, more concerned with others' opinion than with your call. Forgive us, Lord.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Merciful God, cleanse us and renew our purpose. Rekindle the light of your Spirit within us, that we may be true agents of change and hope. Give us the courage to shine brightly, so that our actions—not just our words—bring glory to you, our Father in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Avon Gillespie (1938-1989)

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,

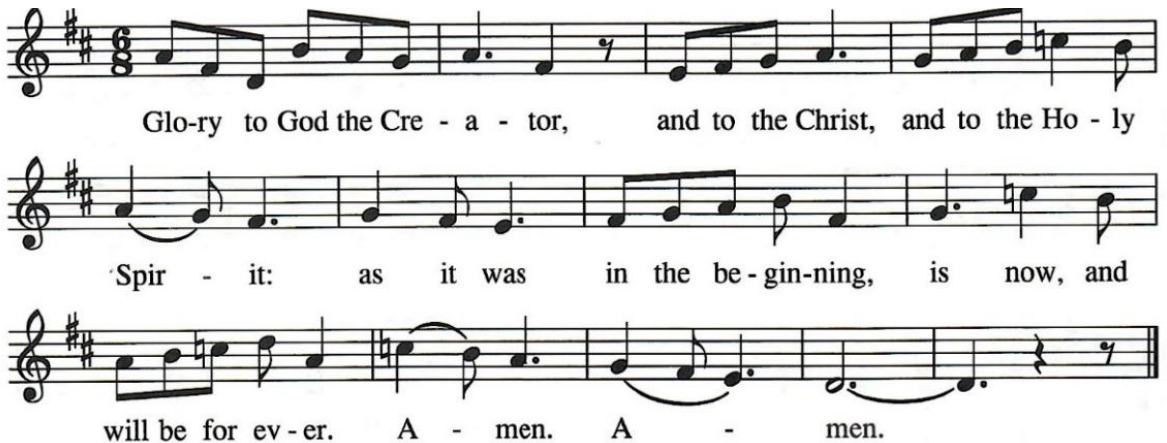
Lord, have mercy, have mercy, O Lord.

—5th/6th century Greek; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Glo-ry to God the Cre - a - tor, and to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and
will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men.

—3rd/4th century Latin; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children ages 4 through 5th grade may now go to their Sunday School classes.
Children will be in the Westminster Room following the Annual Congregational Meeting.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Gibson, *lay reader*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 58:6-12

(Pew Bible, page 688)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 4)

HOMILY

“Shine”

Rev. Pattison

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR AND JAZZ ENSEMBLE

What No Eye Has Seen

Jeremy Fletcher, 2026

What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived,
Oh, no eye has seen all the things that God prepares
for the moment that we believe!

What no tongue has said, (when we talk!) where no foot has led, (when we walk!)
and what no human hand has achieved, (not by our hand alone!)
Oh, no eye has seen (seen the things that the Spirit now reveals to our souls)
what the Spirit now reveals in the moment that we believe.

Wisdom and love sent from above, gifts that the Spirit brings.
Mysteries concealed to our senses now revealed,
and the Spirit's glory rings with these deep things!

So we taste and see, and we touch his robe
when our human hearts (and our souls) are aggrieved.
But when our eyes have failed, then the Spirit still remains,
from the moment that we believe! When we believe!

But when our eyes have failed, then the Spirit still remains with us
until we have the mind of Christ and, through the Spirit, he explains it thus.
No human eye has seen, what the Spirit will reveal,
in the moment that we believe! When we believe!

-1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (NIV; adapt.) and Jeremy Fletcher

THE RESPONSE

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS, AND COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEES

OPENING WORDS

Pastor: There are many gifts,
People: but it is the same Spirit that gives them.
Pastor: There are many ways of serving God,
People: but it is the same Lord who is served.
Pastor: God works through different people in different ways,
People: but it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.
Pastor: Each is given a gift by the Spirit,
People: to use it for the common good.
Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ,
People: and individually members of it.
Pastor: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as elders, deacons, and trustees. In ordination and commissioning, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whosoever wants to be great among you must become the servant of all, just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life that others might live."

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Elder: Speaking for the people of the Rye Presbyterian Church, I present Amber Nee, Grady Thomas, and Alex Waters to be ordained and installed as ruling elders, and I present Carolee Brakewood, Tony Savarese, and John Shuck, previously ordained, to be installed as ruling elders. I present Kate Chesley, Graham King, Fallys Ngalauka, Madison Walsh, and Jordy Winslow to be ordained and installed as deacons, and I present Melissa Belleville, Mary Ann Haines, Julianne Laverty, and Julia Thomas, previously ordained, to be installed as deacons; and I present Margaret Blum, John Hunt, Toby King, Sara Nayeem, and Roger Schmitz to be commissioned as trustees.

✦ THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE ORDINATION QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

Pastor: Friends, God has called you by the voice of this congregation to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. As you begin this new chapter in your discipleship, I ask you these questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
Elders and Deacons: I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church Universal, and God's word to you?
Elders and Deacons: I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
Elders and Deacons: I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and be continually guided by our confessions?
Elders and Deacons: I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
Elders and Deacons: I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Elders and Deacons: I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Elders and Deacons: I do.

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Elders and Deacons: I will.

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Deacons: I will.

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Elders: I will.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elder: Do we, the members of this church, accept these men and women as ruling elders and deacons of the Rye Presbyterian Church, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Elder: Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

People: We do.

THE COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEES

Elder: We now commission Margaret Blum, John Hunt, Toby King, Sara Nayeem, and Roger Schmitz as trustees of this church and in the service of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The grace bestowed upon you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace, we are saved and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to particular service. Please show your purpose by answering these questions:

Pastor: Do you affirm Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Trustees: I do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Trustees: I will.

Pastor: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

Trustees: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise to give the business affairs of this congregation your devoted attention, to encourage generosity, and, in all your dealings, work to further our service of Christ in the world?

Trustees: I do.

Pastor: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Trustees: I will.

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION

Elder: Do you, members of this church, confirm the call to these men and women as trustees in the service of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Elder: Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

People: We will.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

(The candidates to be ordained are invited to kneel.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you all thanks and praise. In every time and place, you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation. We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone. We thank you for men and women in every age who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness. Above all, we

praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

All: **Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION, INSTALLATION, AND COMMISSIONING

Pastor: You are now deacons, elders, and trustees in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson, 1926; arr.

✦ **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

—Thomas Ken, 1674; alt.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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.

THE SENDING FORTH

✦ **HYMN 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

✦ **BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for a brief postlude, followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting.

POSTLUDE FOR JAZZ ENSEMBLE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Spiritual; arr.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be held in the Assembly Room
following the Annual Congregational Meeting.

(The Assembly Room can be found by exiting the front right doors.)

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Hudson Wallach, *crucifer*

Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson, Susan Morison, and Sarah Snell, *ushers*

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Dr. Jeremy Fletcher, *alto saxophone*

Josh Paris, *bass*

Jesse Stacken, *piano*

Rohin Khemani, *drums*

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. To learn more about the ongoing life of the church, please go to ryepc.com/im-new/ and fill out the welcome form online.

If you or a family member need to step out of the sanctuary during worship, please feel free to do so. There is live audio from the service in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary and live video in the church library.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 – Grade 5)

Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings during worship in the Education Wing. If you have any questions, or if you would like to register your child for Sunday School, please reach out to Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

CHILDCARE (3 Months Old – 3 Years Old)

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for young children while parents attend worship. Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing. If you have any questions, please reach out to Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

RAINBOW BAGS

To help children feel welcomed and engaged during worship, Rainbow Bags – filled with crayons, books, and coloring pages – are located in boxes at each sanctuary entrance door. Please return Rainbow Bags following worship.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

The sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop assistive listening system. To access the system, please switch your hearing aid setting to “T” (telephone).

GRACE NOTES NEWSLETTER

Pick up one of our full-color monthly church newsletters, available at every sanctuary entrance: includes photos, updates, articles, and devotions from pastors. It is also available digitally through email, along with our website’s resources page at ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/.

TODAY

Annual Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Nominating Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel
Confirmation, 4:00 p.m., Westminster Room

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion – Zoom

Tuesday, February 10

1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library/Zoom
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Conference Room/Zoom
7:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study – Library/Zoom

Wednesday, February 11

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel
4:15 p.m. Winter Sing – Grades K-5 – Westminster Room
5:30 p.m. Thrift Shop Evening Sale
7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting – Library

Thursday, February 12

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop
5:00 p.m. Coming Home – Library/Westminster Room

Sunday, February 15

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

To learn more, visit ryepc.com/about-rpc/events/



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today, following Worship

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Rye Presbyterian Church will be held after today's worship, in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. We will receive the 2025 annual report, hear a brief presentation of the 2026 budget, act on the terms of call for the pastors, and act on a nomination for the Board of Trustees.

—John Shuck, Clerk of Session

COMING HOME 2026

Dinner is open to church members by RSVP
This Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room

Coming Home is an expression of our long-standing Prison Ministry at Rye Presbyterian Church. We seek to empower those who are returning to the community following incarceration.

Congregants can serve as dinner cooks and hosts, volunteer as mentors, or join in our weekly Thursday night dinners in the Westminster Room – making a real difference in the lives of formerly incarcerated persons. Coming Home begins on Thursday evening, February 12, and will conclude with graduation on Sunday, June 7.

To RSVP, please contact Douglas Carey at either poningoeearthcare@gmail.com or 914-565-6748, or Pastor Cari Pattison at either cpattison@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842 x14.

THRIFT EVENING SALE

Wednesday, February 11, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., in Assembly Room

A graphic for the Ash Wednesday Service. It features a large, white, stylized cross on a dark, textured background that resembles ash. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

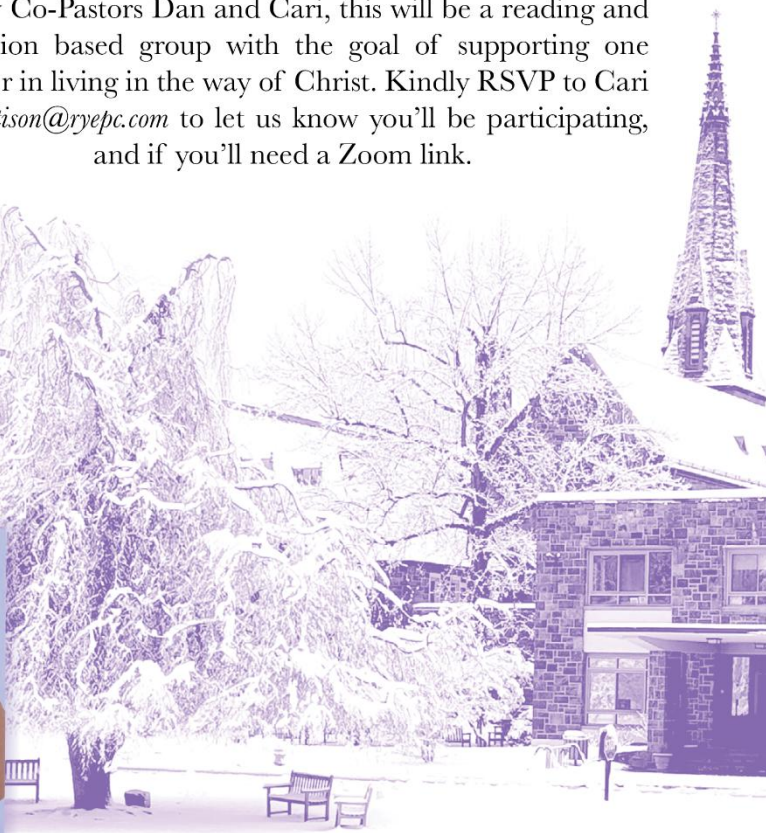
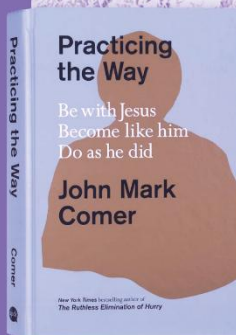
All are invited to begin the Lenten journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This forty-minute service will include hymns, a homily, prayers, and the opportunity to receive ashes.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

Looking to deepen your spiritual practice? How do we grow as Christians, and truly “walk the talk”? What does it mean to be formed into the image of Christ? These are some of the questions explored in John Mark Comer’s recent book, *Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus, Become like him, Do as he did*. We will meet for six evenings, starting on February 3, skipping February 17, and concluding on March 17.

Led by Co-Pastors Dan and Cari, this will be a reading and discussion based group with the goal of supporting one another in living in the way of Christ. Kindly RSVP to Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com to let us know you’ll be participating, and if you’ll need a Zoom link.



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MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Upcoming Meeting on Monday, February 9, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays, from 1:00 – 2:25 p.m., in the Library

CHAPEL YOGA

Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel (Excluding February 18)

WINTER SING 2026

Wednesdays, from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., in the Westminster Room (Excluding February 18)

Singing and learning for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5

THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

Email RyeThrift10580@gmail.com for donation information

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Upcoming Meeting on Sunday, March 1, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Conference Room

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER

Upcoming Meeting on Sunday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m., in the Youth Rooms

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Upcoming Meeting on Sunday, February 22, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom



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If you need assistance from your pastors, deacons, or a Stephen Minister, please call at (914) 967-0842.*

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a mental health professional through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.*



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