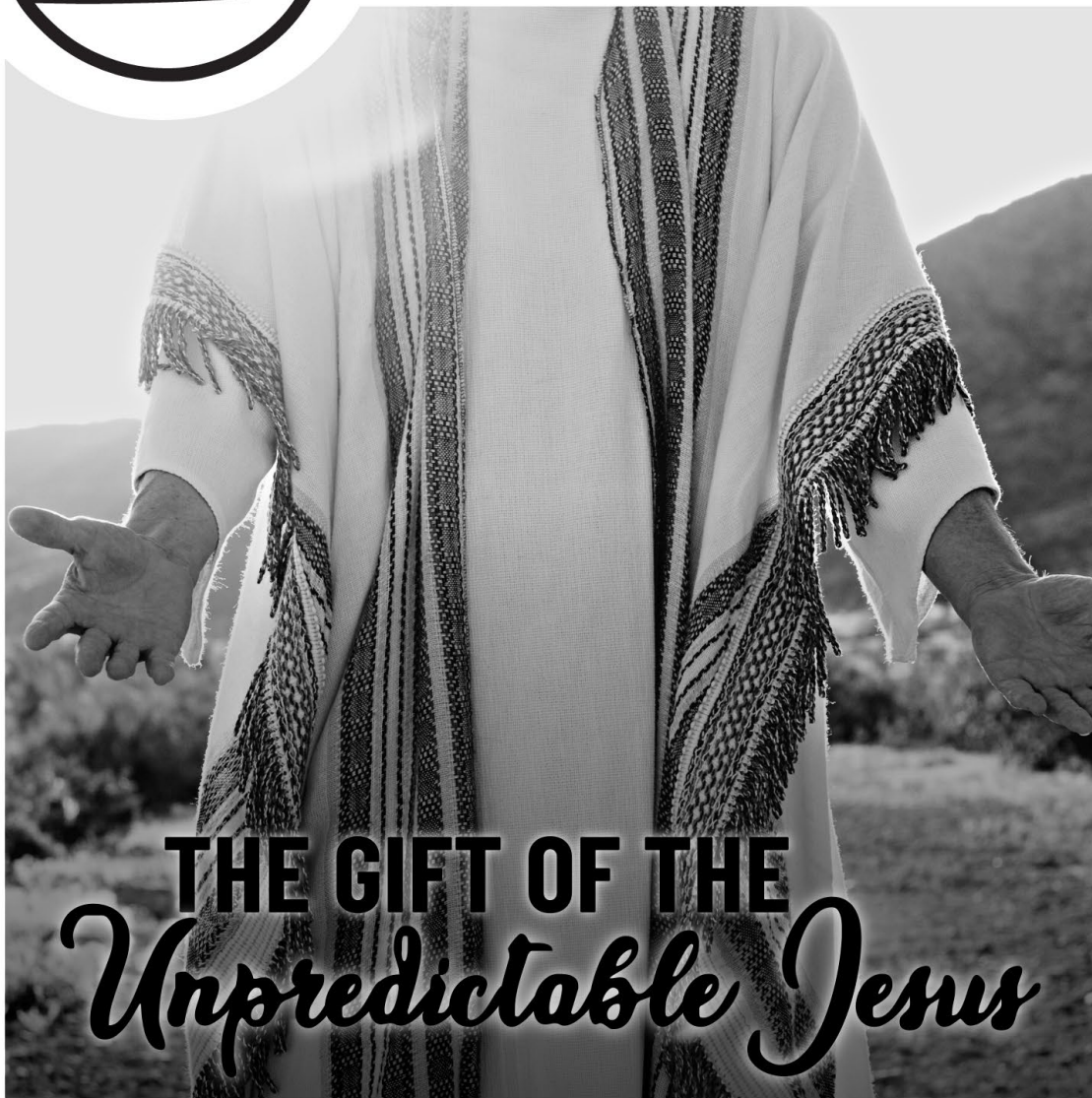




# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

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**THE GIFT OF THE**  
*Unpredictable Jesus*

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February 19, 2023

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY / SCOUT SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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## Thank you for worshipping with us today.

*Welcome to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we invite and affirm you as one of God's children into our community of God's unbounded love. All are celebrated here and all are safe. Announcements and helpful information can be found on the pages following the order of worship.*

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## Gathering for Worship

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Scouting Remarks (10:30 AM only)

Bill Stephens, Scoutmaster

\*Presentation of Colors (10:30 AM only)

*America the Beautiful*  
John Stephens, piano

Evan Bailey  
Samuel A. Ward

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

*Elevation*

George Walker

Call to Worship (9:00 & 10:30)

Jonah Chen, 10:30 Lay Reader

Leader: God of love, in the light of the sunrise,

**All: we behold your glory.**

Leader: In the light of that stars at night,

**All: we behold your mystery.**

Leader: In the light in each other's eyes,

**All: we behold your presence.**

Leader: In the light of Christ,

**All: we behold your love.**

Leader: Light of God, shine upon us.

**All: Light of Christ, shine within us.**

**Holy Spirit, radiate your goodness through us. Amen.**

\*Hymn #173 (9:00 & 10:30) Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Prayer for Scouting Sunday (9:00 & 10:30)

Jonah Chen, 10:30 Lay Reader

**O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.**

**Today, we lift to you the ministry of scouting.**

**We offer you thanks for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home;**

**for study and work, to teach us character;**

**for service, to teach us responsibility to those in need;**

**for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.**

**Bless those who participate in this ministry of scouting in this church and around**

**the world, so that, through its efforts, young people may increase in wisdom**

**and stature, and in favor with you and all people.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 AM only)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #176 (9:00 & 10:30)      Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 AM only)

*Jackson Weaver*

Congregational Response (10:30 AM only)

**Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

Invitation to Sunday School (10:30 AM only)

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

*The Gift of Love*  
*Joyful Ringers*

Hal Hopson

## Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 17:1-9 (9:00 & 10:30)

Jonah Chen, 10:30 Lay Reader

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

*Transfiguration*  
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Phillips

O burning mountain, O chosen sun, O perfect moon, O fathomless well,  
O unattainable height, O unattainable light,  
O clearness beyond all measure, O wisdom without end,  
O mercy without all limit, O strength beyond resistance, O crown of all majesty,  
All creation humbly sings your praise: Bright stars, high mountains,  
Depths of the seas, rushing waters,  
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation:  
This is my son, my beloved, my chosen one. Alleluia.

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30) "The Gift of the Unpredictable Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

## Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

*Offerings by check may be made out to St. Paul's UMC. Scan the QR code to see one-time and recurring online giving options at [stpaulsk.org](http://stpaulsk.org). Your support makes it possible for St. Paul's to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.*



Offertory (10:30 AM only)

*Adoration*

Florence B. Price

\*Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 AM only)

The Invitation (9:00 AM only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation and concludes:*

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:*

L: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer  
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union  
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again..**

*The pastor continues and concludes:*

L: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**P: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (9:00 AM only)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 AM only)

Prayer after Receiving (9:00 AM only)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn #258 (9:00 & 10:30) O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

\*Retiring the Colors (10:30 AM only)

\*Benediction and Dismissal (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

*God is my Light*

Craig Phillips



WORSHIP THIS WEEK: ASH WEDNESDAY

1:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 26, 2022

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

10:30 AM livestreaming through [stpaulsk.org](http://stpaulsk.org)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

9:00 AM – 34    10:30 AM – 87    online – 54    Total: 175

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Flowers last week were given by Ray & Deanna Hodgson in celebration of their grandson Shane's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy birthday, Shane! Flowers this week have been given by Tom & Virginia Bickford in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcements** – News of events and activities at St. Paul’s are shared through our Weekly News message. Read the latest message at [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news).

**Welcome Visitors!** – Thank you for joining us! **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office and down the hall near the water fountain. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary. If your hearing aid does not have a “t-coil,” you may request a headset from the ushers. **Attendance pads** in the pews provide a space to share your name and, if you wish, contact information so we may welcome you.

**Today: Children’s Programs** – *Sunday, Feb 19.* Students in Grade 5 and younger will begin in the Sanctuary with their families at 10:30 AM. All scouts may participate in the scout procession. Children and teachers will transition to Sunday School classrooms following the baptism. Grades 3-5 will be in the Parlor; grades K-2 will be in Room 200. Childcare for preschool and younger is available in the Nursery during both 9:00 and 10:30 services. Parents/guardians should pick up children immediately following worship. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)).

**Today: Sipping Ministry** – *Sunday, Feb. 19.* The **2x4s** (those in the roughly 20s-to-40s age range) will host today’s Sipping Ministry after the 10:30 worship service. Stop by the Octagon for drinks, treats, and a time of fellowship. Next week: **Still Wednesday** leaders will be hosting a Sipping Ministry time following both 9:00 and 10:30 worship services.

**Today: Scout Sunday** – *Sunday, Feb. 19.* St. Paul’s UMM has a proud tradition of hosting Boy Scout Troop #439, Cub Scout Pack #478, and co-ed Venture Crew #439. On Scout Sunday, we celebrate all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and our relationships with these organizations.

**Today: SPY Updates** – *Canceled Sunday, Feb. 19.* Youth programming takes a break over Presidents Day weekend. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the fun and fellowship when we return Feb. 26, 4:30-6:30 PM. Contact Mr. Micah Smartt ([msmartt@stpaulsk.org](mailto:msmartt@stpaulsk.org)).

**Today: Lenten Study Sign-Up** – *Sign up ends Feb. 22.* The class “Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, & Outlaws” will be led by Mike McCurry, meeting Tuesdays, Feb. 28-April 4, 7:00-8:15 PM in-person at St. Paul’s. The cost is \$15 per person and includes the book by Adam Hamilton. Read more and register at [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education), or use the sign-up form in the Narthex. Contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org), 301-933-7933 ext. 104) if you have questions or need help registering.

**This Week: Catch Fire Study Change** – The Tuesday session of the Catch Fire Study is cancelled on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Those who normally attend that group are invited to join the Sunday Catch Fire group session, Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

**This Week: Meal Train** – *Now-March 3.* Show Ben & Laura Kallen the love and support of their St. Paul's friends as they celebrate and adjust to life with their new baby, Jacob. Go to <https://mealtrain.com/6v4r3k> to sign up and take them a meal.

**This Week: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, Feb. 21, 12:00-1:00 PM.* Come to the Octagon for a casual hymn-sing featuring your song requests, and the stories behind some of our worship music. February will feature a Shrove Tuesday theme with a pancake lunch. Contact Meg Baker with questions: [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org), 301-933-7933 ext 104.

**This Week: SAM Meeting** – *Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:00-8:30 PM.* Meetings of church leadership in the new Simplified Accountability Model are open to all! SAM gathers together numerous committees, ministries, and the governing group formerly known as Church Council, connecting leaders to streamline communication and decision-making. For the Zoom link, contact SAM Chairperson Rachel Stalcup at [rachelstalcup@gmail.com](mailto:rachelstalcup@gmail.com).

**This Week: Ash Wednesday Soup Potluck** – *Wednesday, Feb. 22, 5:30-7:00 PM.* The Justice & Compassion team welcomes you to share a simple soup potluck meal and fellowship in the Octagon. Once we know how many people will sign up, we'll determine how much food we need to bring. Visit [stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion](http://stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion) for the sign-up link.

**This Week: Ash Wednesday Worship** – *Feb. 22, 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM.* Ash Wednesday worship with the imposition of ashes will be offered at 1:00 PM and at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Take time to mark this special day as we enter the season of Lent.

**Next Week: Palm Sunday Children's Choir** – *beginning Feb. 26.* Singers in grades K-5 are invited to prepare a Palm Sunday song. Rehearsals, led by Christina Griffin, will be held Sundays 11:45-12:30 beginning Feb. 26, leading up to Palm Sunday on April 2. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/329xydzs> to register.

**Next Week: Zoom Lent Study** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM, beginning March 1.* The Wednesday Bible Study group begins the six-week Lent study, "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, & Outlaws." This online study uses the same material as the in-person on Tuesday night class led by Mike McCurry. For more information on the Wednesday offering, or to receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**Next Month: Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, March 4.* The UMM-led community breakfast will be serving pancakes and other breakfast foods, 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Instead

of a fixed price, diners are invited to make a donation - as a guide, we suggest \$20 for a family of four. Sorry, no carryout. Read more at [stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast](http://stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast).

**Updates: Offering Envelopes** – Our printing partners were unable to produce offering envelopes for us this winter. Those who normally receive offering envelopes should see them starting in March. In the meantime, you may make offerings using any envelope; simply write in the word “offering” and your name, then leave it in the offering plate or mail to the office.

**Updates: Epistle Schedule** – For 2023, our Epistle newsletter will be produced in two-month issues, starting with the February/March edition. Please read more, including how to submit and share your news and activities, at [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news).

## ONGOING

**Read-Thru-the-Bible** – The pastors offer reflection questions to guide your journey through the Bible. Go to [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education) and read along. Jump in at any time!

**Adult Bible Study** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM, Zoom*. This weekly sessions offers a “Sermon Safari Series” through Feb. 15. On March 1, we begin a Lenten study. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**Hunger Ministry** – This signature ministry in the community serves over 100 households monthly with pantry staples, grocery store gift cards, and take-away meals. Volunteers and donations are encouraged! Read more at [stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry](http://stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry).

**Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM*. Gather in-person most Wednesdays in the Sanctuary for quiet prayer and contemplative, creative reflection. For the latest updates on meetings, contact Kenzie Raulin at 301-237-1520 or [Kenzie@krdesign.net](mailto:Kenzie@krdesign.net).

**Altar Flowers in 2023** – The flower chart for 2023 is now available on the bulletin board in the church office. Reserve a date and use the yellow form to sponsor the Sanctuary flowers.

**Communion Bread** – In order that all people in worship are welcome to partake of communion as one body sharing one loaf, all St. Paul’s communion bread is now gluten-free.

**Daily Breath** – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM*. Enjoy about 10-20 minutes of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul’s clergy, staff, or volunteer leaders. Go to [facebook.com/stpaulskensington](https://facebook.com/stpaulskensington).

**Tuesday with Friends** – *Third Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM*. This group, open to all men and women, meets for fellowship and interesting lessons. Those who would like to stay for Taste & Sing enjoy lunch afterwards. Contact Ginny Hagberg: 301-770-7624.

**Lydia Circle** – *First Wednesday of each month, 2:30 PM.* Ladies interested in joining the Lydia Circle sisters should contact Susan Schwarz at [susan10748@aol.com](mailto:susan10748@aol.com) or 301-339-8242.

**Yarn Ministry** – Knit, crochet, or craft along with friends, over Zoom during winter. Find the schedule at [stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events](http://stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events). Contact Karen Codner for the Zoom link or details: [kdc811@gmail.com](mailto:kdc811@gmail.com).

**Stephen Ministers** – We offer a listening ear to those going through a difficult situation or life change. Use us. Contact Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496) to learn more.

**Masks Optional** – Masks are optional in nearly all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more mask-related FAQs at [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).

**Sipping Ministry** – This time of fellowship after worship was previously known as coffee hour – but we're not limited to coffee! If your group would like to sponsor a Sipping Ministry time, contact Erin in the church office ([stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org](mailto:stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org)) for available dates.

**Pastor News** – On February 5, 2023, Pastor Pat delivered a short address at the close of the 10:30 AM worship service announcing that she has requested and been approved to retire effective July 1, 2024. To read or view the full announcement, visit The Pastors' Page at [stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page](http://stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page).



### Visitor Information

Thank you for joining us! You are invited to tear out this section and leave this form with the offerings to let us know a little about yourself, or how we might be in touch. You may also email the office ([stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org](mailto:stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org)) or staff to say hello!

Name(s):

Email:

Phone:

Home Address:

How did you find us? (circle all that apply)

*Family/friend.    Passing by.    Internet search.    Other:*

Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul's? (circle all that apply)

*No, just visiting.    Maybe; I have questions.    Please tell me about joining St. Paul's.*

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# Assisting with Worship

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## **Tech Team**

John & Biljana Regan  
John Stephens and Thomas Stephens

## **Lay Readers**

Meg Baker, 9:00 AM  
Jonah Chen, 10:30 AM

## **Usher Coordinator**

Nathan Bazawada

## **Lay Leader**

Marge Higgins

## **Scout Sunday Leaders**

Bill Stephens, Scoutmaster, Troop 439  
Jonah Chen, Senior Patrol Leader Troop 439, Star Scout  
Evan Bailey, Presentation of Colors, 1st Class Scout  
John Stephens, Pianist, Life Scout

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