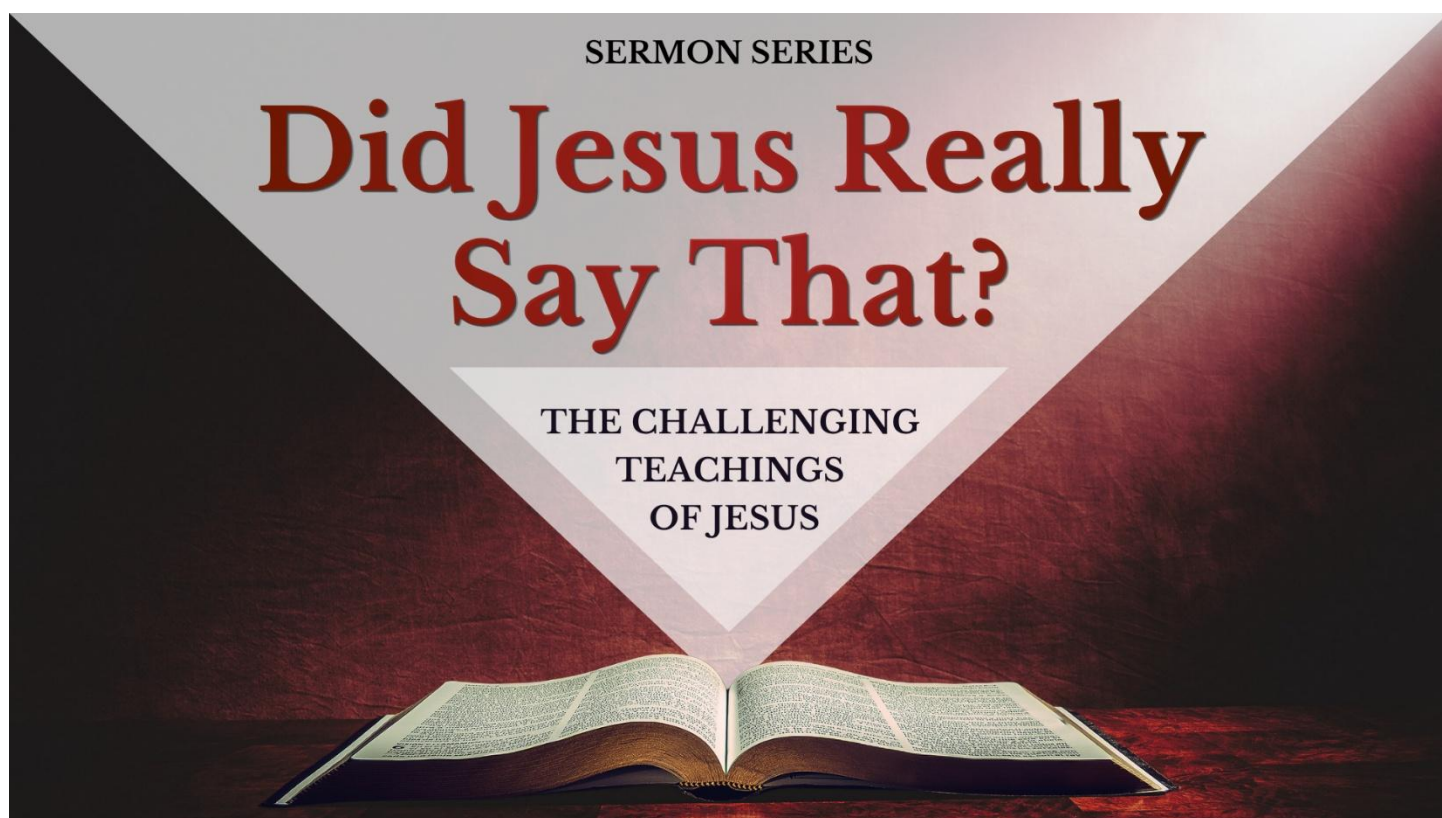




*NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.*

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**Sunday, August 30, 2026 – 10:45am Worship**



# Welcome to Neelsville!

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Welcome to Neelsville Presbyterian Church! We are so thrilled that you are visiting with us today. We are a church that is growing more and more captivated by Jesus Christ, delighting to glorify and serve Him in every area of our lives. Wherever you are in your walk with God, we have resources for you and your family. Please contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information. Thanks for visiting and I hope you experience the welcome of Christ during your time with us!

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

[pastorjeff@neelsville.org](mailto:pastorjeff@neelsville.org)

## First Time Here?

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We're so glad you've joined us! Please fill out a green guest card in the pew and hand it to a Welcome Team member for a small gift. They can help connect you with our various ministries and answer any questions you may have.

When you join us again, please take a moment each Sunday to sign in with our Welcome Team. This helps us to stay connected and to reach out to ensure you are well if we haven't seen you in a while.

## Tips for Families

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We are a church who believes in the value of families worshipping together, and we welcome the wiggles & giggles of little ones in the pews.

Look for the  station outside the Sanctuary to learn more about...

- **Nursery Care** – Available for children 2 years and under during the service.
- **Worship & Praise Zone** – Children ages 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to a Bible Story & crafts during the sermon. Please check-in before worship at the kids station.
- **Worship Activity Bags** – Feel free to grab one for your child to use during the service.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE - NEXT GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOW RETURN ON SUN 9/13!**  
Join us for Classes for All Ages at 9:30am Sunday. We have offerings for everyone from preschoolers to adults. Learn more on page 10.

# Order of Service

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Corporate worship is our shared surrender to Jesus' costly call. As we gather for corporate worship, we deny ourselves, seek His Kingdom above all, reconcile with one another, and submit to His hard but life-giving words. Corporate worship transforms us into people shaped by the cross-learning together to follow the One who calls us to lose our lives and find them in Him.  
– Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

## Prelude

*Come My Way, My Truth, My Life* (Williams)

Ulung Tanoto

*We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.*

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor SeongSu Hong

\* = please rise if you are able

The flower on today's communion table is in honor of Theodore James Cardea, born on August 1 to Lauren and John Cardea (son of Sherrie & Mike Cardea). May God bless their family!

## \*Call to Worship

Isaiah 46:12-13

Adam Condrick

*God's words in scripture remind us that He is the one who calls us to gather.*

Leader: Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,

**People:** you who are far from righteousness:

Leader: I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off,

**All:** and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory.

## \*Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision* (Hull)

**#434**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and Thou only be first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won;  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

Pastor SeongSu

*Our Pastor leads a prayer in which we lift our hearts to praise God for who He is and to express our deep love for Him.*

## **\*Hymn**

*All My Boast Is In Jesus (Fowler/Getty/Boswell/Papa)*

**#227**

What wonder of wonders, what love is this, that Christ would die for me!  
His goodness, his merit, his righteousness, this sinner's only plea.  
O foolish pride, be crucified; the work is finished!

*Chorus 1:* All my boast is in Jesus; all my hope is his love,  
and I will glory forever in what the cross has done.

Now fully forgiven my life is filled with graces undeserved.  
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return.  
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord! Who else is worthy? (*Chorus 1*)

*Bridge:* Oh, praise the One, forever blessed! Him alone my heart adores.  
And I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ my Lord. (2x)

I boast not in riches, in strength or might, but in the grace of God.  
I glory in weakness; to live is Christ, in plenty or in want.  
That I may know, that all may see his pow'r within me! (*Chorus 1*)

*Chorus 2:* Now I stand in His freedom, ransomed, clean in his sight,  
and I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ,  
my boast is Jesus Christ. Forever, my boast is Jesus Christ.

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In the morning, when I rise (3x) give me Jesus

*Chorus:* Give me Jesus, give me Jesus  
You can have all this world, give me Jesus

And when I want to sing (3x) give me Jesus (*Chorus*)

Oh, when I am alone (3x) give me Jesus (*Chorus*)

In the evening, when I rest (3x) give me Jesus (*Chorus*)

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## Time of Offering

*We have an opportunity to give financially to support the work of the local and global church, offering what we are able with cheerful hearts, grateful for God's blessings. Giving also includes generously sharing our time and talents to care for one another and the community around us. **Please take the plate and pass it down the pew to the usher. To give online, scan the QR code.***



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## Offertory

*You Know Better Than I (Bucchino)*

Ulung Tanato

*"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." – Martin Luther*

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## \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*A song of praise used by Christians since the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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## The Lord's Prayer

*Jesus said: "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do... for your Father know what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:"*

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.

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## Children's Blessing

*On alternate Sundays, the young children receive a blessing or they gather to hear a mini-message, often sharing a point from the upcoming sermon in a relational way with the children.*

**Children ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be dismissed to the Worship & Praise Zone following the blessing.**

## Hymn

*Jesus, Strong and Kind*  
(Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson)

#362

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

*Chorus:* For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

## Scripture Reading

John 14:1-6

*Please turn in the pew Bible to pages 901 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.*

## Sermon

*Jesus Is the Only Way*

Pastor SeongSu

*A pastor or an elder of the church gives this extended message explaining the scripture passage, what it meant to the original readers, and how it applies to us today. Our pastor often preaches through a book of the Bible, using a selection of verses each week.*

**Space for Sermon Notes is provided on page 8.**

## \*Hymn

*All I Have Is Christ* (Kauflin)

#397

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will,  
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place;  
You bore the wrath reserved for me; Now all I know is grace!

*Chorus:* Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,  
And let my song forever be: My only boast is You. (*Chorus 3x*)

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## \*Charge & Benediction

*The pastor gives a charge to go into the world in Jesus' name, living and serving in ways that give witness to God's love. He then raises his hands, giving a blessing for the congregation to receive.*

## **\*Postlude**

*All I Have Is Christ (Kauflin)*

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*We close with an instrumental piece, carrying praise to God out of the church and into the world.*

### **After Worship Today!**

**Next Gen Parents, Volunteers, and all Interested Volunteers are to meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meeting with Pastor SeongSu.**



# Financial Update

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|                       | July<br>Actual | YTD<br>Actual | YTD<br>Budget | Annual<br>Budget |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Income (\$K)</b>   | \$ 52.3 K      | \$ 456.0 K    | \$ 482.9 K    | \$ 827.9 K       |
| <b>Expenses (\$K)</b> | \$ 64.1 K      | \$ 443.6 K    | \$ 501.3 K    | \$ 859.4 K       |
| <b>Difference</b>     | - \$ 11.8 K    | \$ 12.4 K     |               |                  |



[neelsville.org/give](https://neelsville.org/give)

Footnote – Any extraordinary expenses (or contributions) paid out of (or for) prior designated/special funds are excluded from these figures.

## *Did Jesus Really Say That? The Challenging Teachings of Jesus*

- Jesus Prepares Our Room
- Jesus Takes Us to the Room
- Jesus is the Way to the Father

## Next Week: New Sermon Series!

## *Living in Exile (1 Peter 1:1-2)*

<sup>1</sup> “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## Something to think about . . .

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*Use these questions for your own personal reflection and study at home.*

1. Why were Jesus' disciples troubled in John 14, and what did Jesus tell them to do?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says He is preparing a place for us in His Father's house?
3. What does Jesus promise to do for His followers in John 14:3? What does this teach us about our hope of being with Him?
4. Why is it significant that Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life,” rather than simply saying that He knows the way?
5. What are some “wrong turns” we can take when we try to follow our own way instead of Jesus? How does repentance help us turn back to Him?

# Grow and Go with Us! \_\_\_\_\_

Opportunities are offered for all ages, to grow in our relationship with God, impacting our lives.

## Next Generation Ministry

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👉 **CHANGE IN PLANS! Sunday School now returns SUNDAY 9/13 for all children & youth (ages 3 years and older).** Join us weekly from 9:30-10:30am as we review chronological Bible lessons as part of The Gospel Project curriculum.



*Ages: Birth – 5th grade*

Contact: [kids@neelsville.org](mailto:kids@neelsville.org)

**To help us prepare for the new school year, please** take a moment to update our records thru this QR code for each child in your family, ages birth thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



*Ages: 6th – 12th grade*

Contact: [students@neelsville.org](mailto:students@neelsville.org)

**Wednesday Night Youth Group** meets at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**\*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month,** Youth Group meets at 5:30pm for a service project.

## Adult Ministry

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*Join a class or small group that meets throughout the week!*

*Scan the QR code for more details and descriptions.*



**Sundays at 9:30am – Job: Waiting on the God Who Seems Silent**  
(Conf Rm & Online)

Contact: Craig Wilson ([cdw6@msn.com](mailto:cdw6@msn.com))

**New on Sept 13!**

👉 **Sundays at 9:30am – 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Small Group Study** (Room 1)  
Contact: Eric & Lena Shirley ([shirleyfamily4@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyfamily4@gmail.com))

# Small Groups Begin Sunday, September 6! \_\_\_\_\_

**This fall, we're stepping into a church-wide sermon and small-group series through *1 Peter — A Living Hope in Exile*.** In a world that often feels scattered, pressured, or uncertain, Peter's letter reminds us that God has given us a living hope that steadies us, shapes us, and sends us out as His people.

## **Why Small Groups Matter**

Small groups are the heartbeat of discipleship at Neelsville. They're where Scripture becomes shared life, where encouragement becomes real, and where faith grows through honest conversation and prayer. If Sunday worship is the gathering of the whole family, small groups are the living rooms — places to be known, strengthened, and formed together.

Whether you're new, returning, or simply longing for deeper connection, this is the perfect time to join in.

## **When & How to Join**

Small groups will meet throughout the week — different days, times, and formats — so you can find a group that fits your rhythm.

**Sign up today using this QR code in the bulletin or on the screen.**

Your registration helps us connect you with a group where you can grow, contribute, and walk alongside others in Christ.



## **Series Begins: Sunday, September 6**

Come ready to open the Scriptures, engage deeply, and discover how God forms resilient hope in His people — even in seasons of exile.

# This Week at Neelsville

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More details of this week's schedule and upcoming events can be found in our weekly e-letter. Scan this QR code for last Friday's edition.



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| Sunday 8/30 | 12:00pm | Next Gen Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
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Monday 8/31

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Tuesday 9/1

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| Wednesday 9/2 | 7:00pm | Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)     |
|               | 7:15pm | Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |

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Thursday 9/3

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Friday 9/4

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Saturday 9/5

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| Sunday 9/6 | 9:30am  | Adult Ministry - New Class on Job  |
|            | 10:45am | <b>Worship Service (Sanctuary)</b> |
|            | 12:30pm | Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)        |

# Announcements

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Please send your announcements to [office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org) by Tuesday at Noon for next week's bulletin & e-letter.

**Parents, current volunteers, and interested volunteers are invited to meet with Pastor SeongSu TODAY in the Fellowship Hall after worship.** He will lead a brief discussion on the pathway for NPC Kids and NPC Students for this upcoming school year. Please note that Sunday School classes were originally announced with a start date of August 30; however, that has been rescheduled to September 13 after Labor Day.

**Help Wanted for Church Picnic** – We need volunteers to help with the picnic on **Sun 9/13** following the church service. Also, we need someone to lead this fun event. Please contact Gerry Davis ([Gerry.davis@outlook.com](mailto:Gerry.davis@outlook.com)) or Michelle Nelson ([office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org)) if you can help. Many hands make light work.

**MomCo (formerly MOPS) is getting ready to begin a new school year! We are very thankful for our regular volunteers, but we do need additional help.** We are looking for a few volunteers to serve as occasional substitutes throughout the school year when our regular volunteers are out. We will be meeting on Wednesday mornings this year from 10am-12pm. If you are available and interested in helping with young children, please reach out to Jaimie ([fernsjaimie@gmail.com](mailto:fernsjaimie@gmail.com)) or Danielle ([dl.hrrs13@gmail.com](mailto:dl.hrrs13@gmail.com)).

**ESOL Classes Start in September** – Know anyone who would like to be in an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class? We will be starting classes on Sat 9/12 at 9-11am. Students of all ages, and levels of English proficiency are welcome. There are flyers in the Narthex to give to friends, co-workers and others you may meet. Flyers direct the student to the online registration at this QR code. Take some to share!



**Reach the World Thru ESOL** - Neelsville will again have ESOL classes beginning Sat 9/12 from 9-11am with over 100 students that register. **We still need an administrator to be available 8:30-10am every other Saturday.** Contact Joanne Wilson at [joannelwilson@gmail.com](mailto:joannelwilson@gmail.com) to ask about any of these ways or other ways of ministering to our community.

**EVERYONE can serve at our Neelsville Workday!** Please join us **Sat 9/12 from 12 – 3pm** for a workday to install new stage curtains. Any amount of time you can share is appreciated! Please see Jason Craft for more information ([trustees@neelsville.org](mailto:trustees@neelsville.org)).

**The NPC Men's Ministry is having a Hugh Smith Memorial Cookout in the back parking lot on Sat 9/26 at 5pm.** We will reflect on the ministry work and life of our brother Hugh as our Lord empowered him, blessed him and carried him home. Stay tuned for further details.

# Stay Connected with Neelsville

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Email [office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org) to join the prayer chain.



## E-LETTER SIGNUP

The Weekly Neelsville News is delivered each Friday at 10am.



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## LAY LEADERSHIP

**Elders** – *Oversee the spiritual health of the congregation as well as the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission.*

Clerk of Session – Eileen Bauer

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**Deacons** – *Nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation.*

Co-Moderators – Vangie Fletcher, Carol Harris & Lynn Kroah

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**Trustees** – *Provide care and oversight for Neelsville's buildings and grounds.*

Moderator – Jason Craft

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