



**United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri**  
**Rev. Lina Eddy** **Pastor**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf** **Organist**  
**Mrs. Becky Schneider** **Bell Choir Director**

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**December 7, 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Advent**

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*\*All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles **Georjie Peck & Brynna Hall**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: PEACE *(Please remain seated)*

Advent Reading: Peace – ***Meredith Wolford and Family***

Leader- Today is the Second Sunday of Advent - the Sunday of Peace.

Leader- Our peace is found in God and in his son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist, and all the prophets remind us, that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

Leader- We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.

*Light the First and Second Candles*

\*Hymn No. 247 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God of Peace, Emmanuel, we pray you, send your light into our hearts. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Work in our hearts at this time and help us prepare ourselves for the peace that he brings - the inner peace that tells us that we are united with you and the outer peace which will come when he returns to judge the world. Bless our worship that it may be pleasing unto you, and bless us that we may prove to be your faithful servants. Amen.**

**\*Call to Praise**

**O Lord, open our lips!**

**And our mouths shall show forth your praise!**

**\*Act of Praise No. 493 “Gloria Patri” (*Glory be to the Father*)**

**Invitation to Children’s Time**

**Hymn for Children “Away in the Manger”**

**Children’s Time**

**JoAnn Cantriel**

**Anthem “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Bell Choir**

**Prayer for Illumination Alan Chambers**

**Holy Spirit of peace, breathe upon us as we hear your Word. May the shoot of new life you promise in Isaiah take root in our hearts today. Through your truth, guide us to repentance, that we may bear fruit worthy of your kingdom in Christ we pray. Amen**

**Scripture Lessons**

*First Lesson:* Isaiah 10:1-10 p. 594

*Second Lesson:* Matthew 3:1-12 p. 836

Sermon

**“A Time of Peace!”**

Hymn No. 394 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Kyrie “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

*(Printed on laminated card in pew or back page of large print bulletin)*

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, God has made a way where there was no way. In Christ Jesus, evil and death have been vanquished, and we live in a state of grace. Believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Any Christian who wishes to know the presence of Christ and share in the community of God’s people is invited to receive the Sacrament.*

*The inner circle contains white wine. The outer circles contain red grape juice.*

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And with you also.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*As we pray together -*

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served,  
so that we may all commune together.)*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's Presence in this simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a ray of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

## Invitation to the Offering

\*Response No. 563 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*(Printed on laminated card in pew or back page of large print bulletin)*

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn No. 390 “It Is Well with My Soul”

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response – **“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**  
p. 110- Sing twice  
*“Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Chris is born!”*

\*Postlude

Ushers ~ Kris Ingram and Holly Bieri

Greeters ~ Philip and Susan Burger

<i>Thank you to <b>Meredith Wolford and Family</b> for leading the Advent Call to Worship this morning.</i>
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## Activities Calendar: December 7, 2025 ~ December 14, 2025

### Sunday, December 7, 2025, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – MSYF Biscuit and Gravy Fundraiser

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### Monday, December 8, 2025

6:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

### Tuesday, December 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, December 10, 2025

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal and Confirmation

6:30 p.m. – God's Singers

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

### Sunday, December 14, 2025, Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – R.O. K.

7:00 p.m. – Salem Christmas Program

### *Looking Ahead...*

*December 15 – Brotherhood/MSYF Caroling 5 p.m.*

*December 17 – Women's Guild at noon*

*December 21 – Cantata*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Program 7 pm*

*- Salem Christmas Eve Service 10 pm*

*December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Service 10 am*

*December 28<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Mike Williams- guest pastor*

### **Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 10th, 6:00 p.m.**

**Lasagna, Vegetable, Salad, and Garlic Bread Sticks**

***Don't forget to sign up if you are coming!***

### **Food Pantry Items Needed**

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of December, Cereal and Mac and Cheese** are the food items requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

**Salem UCC**  
**Christmas Program**  
**December 14th ~ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Featuring special music and meditations for the Christmas Season**  
*Come celebrate the blessings of Christmas!*

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Karen Hagemeyer, Nellie Hodges, Alex Brown*

**Confirmands:** Lena Bieri, Megan Carlock, Royce Everett, Logan Milligan and Meredith Wolford

**All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Charles Velazquez (Dolores Burger's brother-in-law), Diane (Henry) Jobe, Michael and Tammy Rex, Becky Zuidervaat, Bill Schacht, Jenine Baker, Alan Chambers, Courtney Cassil, Joyce Rohrbach, Jo Suggs, Judy Kilmer, Jaden Perry (*Janice Anderson's grandson*)

**All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:**

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)  
Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)  
Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)  
Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe*)  
Dylan Ash (*spouse- Jasmine Ash and son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, Great Lakes Naval Base, North Chicago, IL*)  
Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Italy*)  
Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

**“Messiah” Sing-Along**  
**TODAY, December 7, 2025 ~ 4 p.m.**  
**California High School ~ Performing Arts Center**  
**Free Admission ~ All are welcome!**

**Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)**  
**Sunday, December 14**

after children's time till the end of the worship service for Grades K- on up.  
All the kids are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Ronda Mortenson. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

A Christmas tree has been put up in the foyer upstairs outside the elevator. We are calling it the **“Memory Tree.”** It is for families to decorate with an ornament in memory of their loved one. You can stop by anytime and put your ornament on the tree. Please leave a note in the church office when you bring in your ornament so we can list your loved one's ornament in the bulletin.

**Giving Tree**

The Sunday School is sponsoring this year's Giving Tree. This is also known as the “sock and glove tree”. We will be collecting donations of children or youth sized socks, gloves, underwear, belts, coats, etc. and they can be placed under the Christmas tree on the stage in the Friendship Hall. **Items will be received through Wednesday, December 10th.** These donations are distributed to local elementary students on an as-needed basis that go out to local kids before Christmas break. The school is always in need of items like this and your donations are greatly appreciated.



## **Congregational Survey**

Please pick up a survey in the back of the church. The Search Committee is asking for you to complete **before or by December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions, see one of the search committee members. Darles Vernon, Ken Wolken, Toni Kueffer, Larry Rohrbach, Morgan Opie, Steven Burger and Tammy Kilmer.

### **Historical Committee Request**

For the Christmas season, the Historical Committee would like to display Christmas ornaments and nativity sets in the cabinet by the Church office. If you have a favorite ornament or nativity set that you would like to provide for display, please drop it off at the Church office anytime during the month of December. Also, if you have a special story or description that goes with your piece, please feel free to share as well. Items will be available for pick-up after January 5<sup>th</sup>. If you brought a Veteran's picture, it can be picked up anytime.

### **2026 Offering Envelopes are here.**

They can be picked up in the back of the Sanctuary. If there is not a box with your name on it and you would like one, please let the church office know.

### ***Christmas Envelope*** (in the offering envelopes box)

goes to Sunday School to use for Camp expenses. Those that don't receive offering envelopes anymore can pick up an envelope on the back table in the Sanctuary or downstairs table in the foyer. The Sunday School and children appreciate your support!

## **Dates for Practices for Christmas Letters Play**

**Sunday, December 14 after church all members of play and Christmas letters Choir**

### **Dress Rehearsal**

**Sunday, December 21 at 2:30PM to 4:30PM all members of play and choir**

**Wednesday, December 24, arrive at 6:30PM for Performance at 7PM**

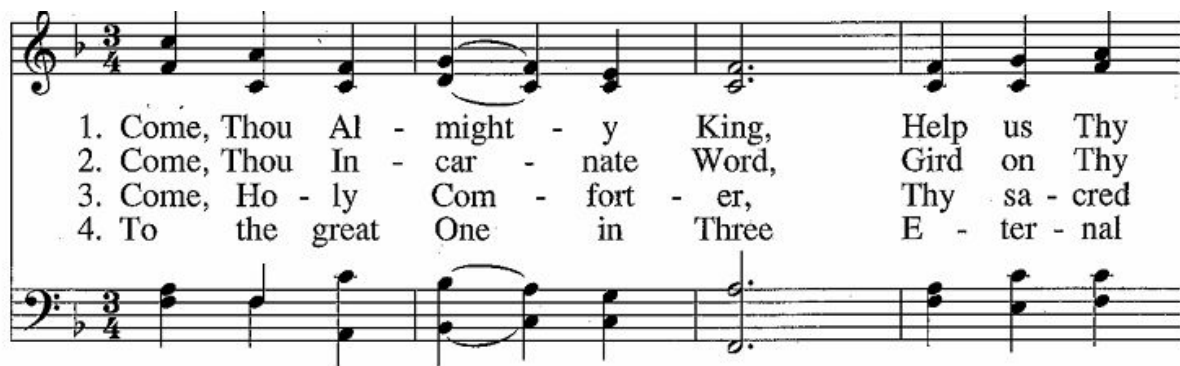
**2–3-year-olds and pre-k will have a puppet show and sing first for the program**

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Emma Bestgen**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

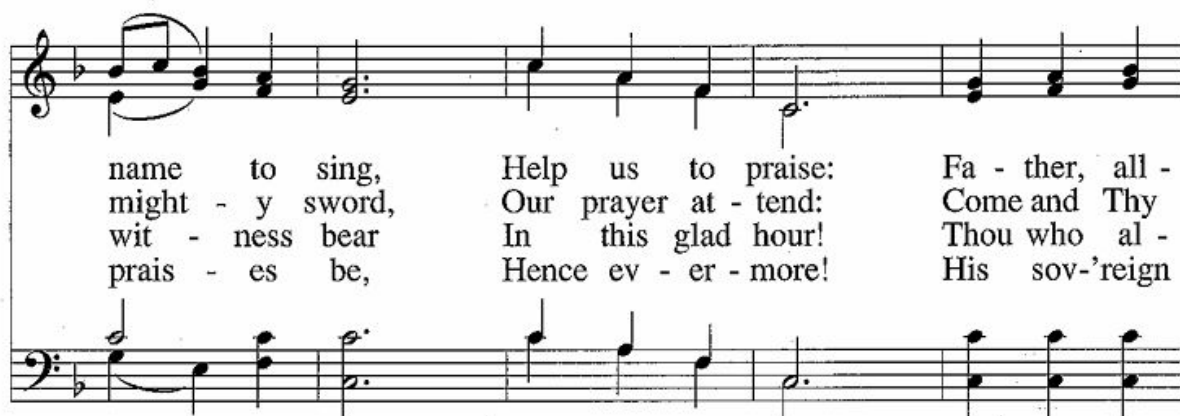
**Need some help with hearing?** See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

**Notice the “Connection Cards” in the pews.** They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

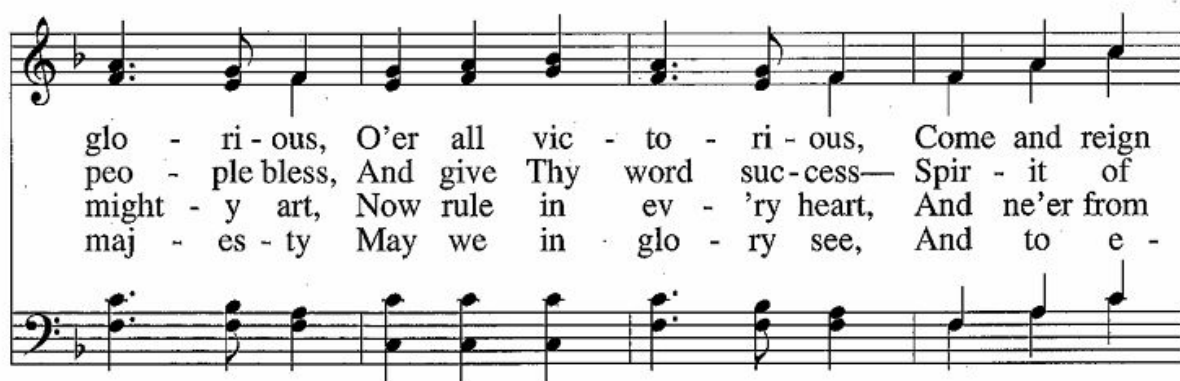
# Come, Thou Almighty King



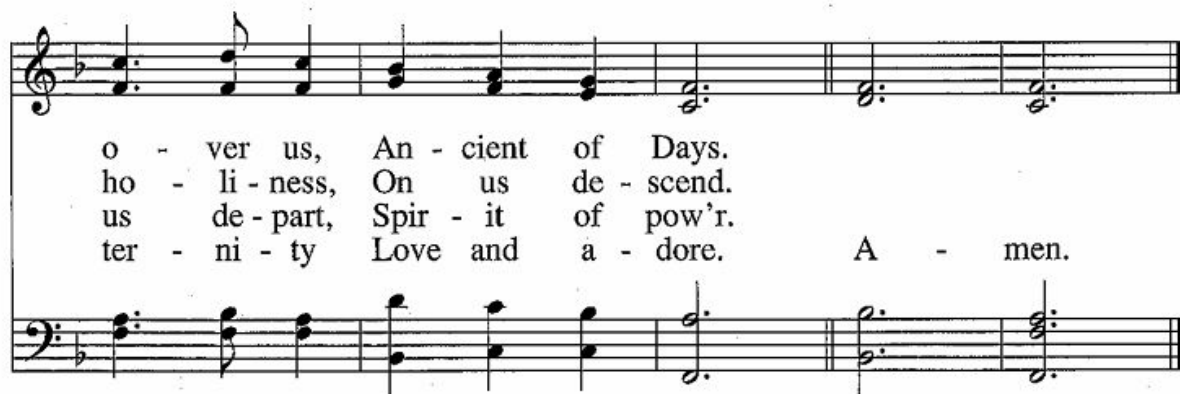
1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
 4. To the great One in Three E - ter - nal



name to sing, Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all -  
 might - y sword, Our prayer at - tend: Come and Thy  
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou who al -  
 prais - es be, Hence ev - er - more! His sov-'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come and reign  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess— Spir - it of  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see, And to e -



o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.  
 us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore. A - men.

# I've Got Peace Like a River

G C/G G G7 C

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a  
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

D7/A D7 G Em 1. A7

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my  
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my  
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

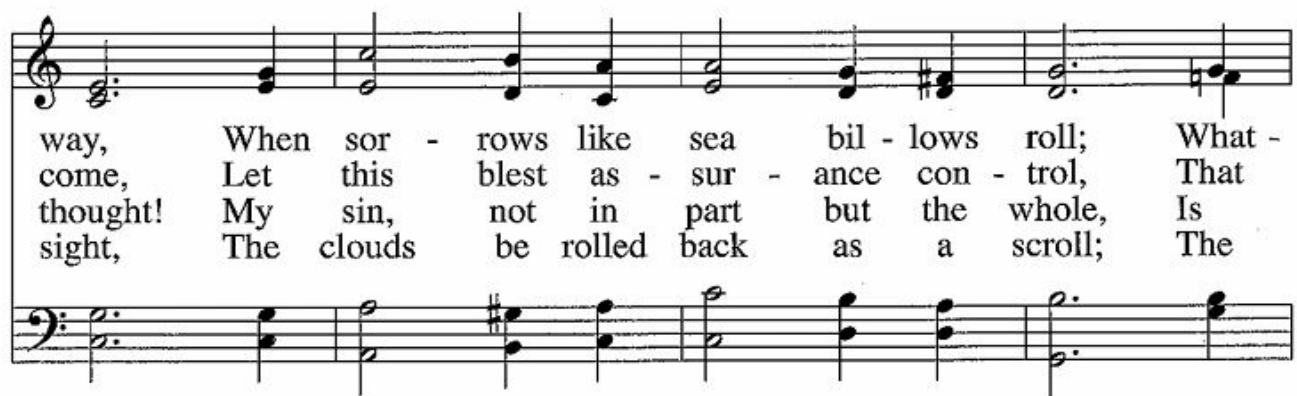
D7 SUS4 D7 2. A7 D7 G

soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.

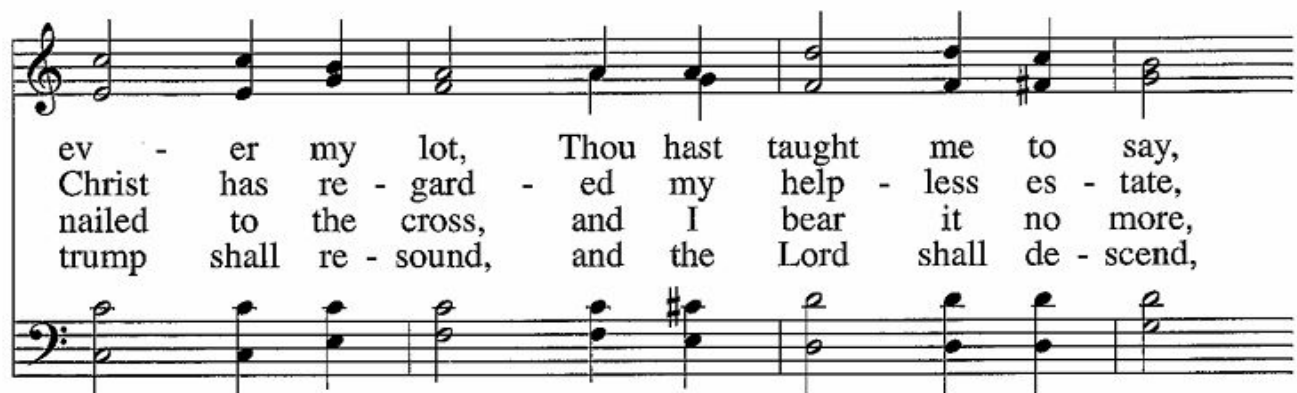
# It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; What -  
 come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That  
 thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, Is  
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The




ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
 Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,  
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend,




It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 E - ven so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,



It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.



It is well, it is well with my soul.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,  
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he arose 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 Spirit; the one  
Holy universal Christian Church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the  
life everlasting. Amen.

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## 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 for ever. Amen.



## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings  
flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



## KYRIE

*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Congregation: **Lord, have mercy upon us.***

*Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Congregation: **Christ, have mercy upon us.***

*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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