# Welcome to worship at New Hanover

### Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

#### General Info for Drive-in Service Only:

- 1. Stay in your vehicle at all times.
- 2. <u>Tune your FM Radio to 90.7 to listen to the live broadcast</u>
- 3. The building, including the bathrooms, continue to be closed, except to essential employees and volunteers supporting the foodbank and worship service activities.
- 4. There are NO bathroom facilities available at this time.
- 5. There is no need to wear a mask within your vehicle, but we ask that each person within your vehicle has a mask available should a safety need arise.
- 6. If you have an emergency, please wave down an usher or put your hazard lights on.
- 7. If you wish to sit outside on our sidewalk and lawn area for worship next to the Fellowship Hall building, follow the usher's direction and please park in the rear row of the parking lot near the baseball field. Also, please provide your own chair for worship. Be aware that cars are traveling through the parking lot. As always, ask for assistance as needed.

#### Parking:

- 1. Please direct your attention to the parking lot ushers for parking instructions.
- 2. <u>Vans</u> and <u>Trucks</u> should *back into* the rear parking spaces.
- 3. Motorcycle, bicycle, or walking to worship: Please wear your mask at all times and maintain at least a 6' distance between others.

Offering: Please drop your offering into the designated tubs located by the exits.

#### General Info for Video and Drive-in Services:

- 1. Most of all, THANK YOU for supporting NHELC! Your gifts of time, talent and finances allows us to continue our good works!
- 2. Relax and ready your heart to receive God's glory!
- 3. NHELC Worship Services are also live and recorded and can be found here: http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/worshipinfo.php
- 4. General information for NHELC can be found here: *http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/index.php*



#### Introduction

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

# May your worship experience strengthen you with God's love and grace.

#### We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

All Worship can be viewed online at newhanoverlutheran.org, facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch and/or on YouTube.

#### The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist Brian Tracey, organist Georgia Noonan, Mezzo-Soprano

#### Prelude

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel

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#### Welcome

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **Amen.** 

Gathering Hymn The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (The Feast Is Ready) ELW #531

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#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

#### Gospel Hymn

O Blessed Spring

ELW #447

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**Gospel Acclamation** 



#### Gospel Reading The holy gospel according to John Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### Sermon

#### One vine tethers us all

#### Song of the Day

#### Jesus Messiah

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#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

#### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat;

this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 and ever. Amen.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### After Communion Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

### Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

#### Sending Song

#### You Never Let Go

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#### Blessing

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever.

#### Amen.

Dismissal Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen! I am Risen! I am Risen! You are Risen! We are Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Go get'em!!!

#### Postlude

#### Children's Message

#### Donna Kehs

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### Announcements

Thank you to Georgia Noonan for sharing her musical talents with us this morning.

Have a pastoral emergency? Call the church office at (610) 326-1335 ext. 1 to contact Pastor Scott.

**Garden of Hope** There are opportunities for you to participate in this exciting, new ministry at NHELC. Helpers are needed to serve as community/corporate liaison and day captains. Community/Corporate Liaison will communicate needs and opportunities to the community and local businesses. Day Captains will attend meetings to understand expectations, welcome volunteers, help with the garden and educate and communicate with the team. For more information about this program, contact Nikki Young (nikkiannyoung@gmail.com), Marsha Staub (marsha.staub@comcast.net) or Donna Kehs (donnakehs@gmail.com).

**Sponsors Needed** You can help support the ministry at NHELC by sponsoring communion and *The Word in Season* devotion booklets. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 to sign up. Suggested donation to sponsor the communion is \$20 a month and *The Word in Season* devotional is \$35 a month. And, don't forget, there are weeks available to sponsor the bulletin and flowers too. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 week and the flowers is \$35 a week.

**Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities** – Now through June, NHELC is collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank. Bring your donations to the church kitchen door on Sunday before the 9 AM worship service or between 1 - 2 PM. Be sure to distinguish your donation for the Cluster or Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry. Suggested food items include: jelly, pancake mix and syrup, pasta, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, condiments, soup, cereal and canned fruit. Suggested non-food items include: paper towels, diapers (size 6), toothbrushes, laundry detergent, hand soap, toilet paper, deodorant, dish soap, conditioner and shampoo. Also, sugar-free and sodium-free items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated.

### **Faith Formation**

"Celebrate God's Creation" event is today! In honor of Earth Day we are holding a social-distanced, maskwearing gathering this morning, following the 9:00 AM parking lot service, from 10 AM until about 11 AM. We are planning a story time to start it off, then it will be on to child/youth-friendly learning stations (adults may enjoy some of them too), as well as a chance to "meet" our beautiful new community garden and learn all about it! Bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit and relax and take it all in. Outdoor play clothing and rain boots would be good for children if they want to go into the garden. And you are invited to stay and enjoy lunch, chalk designing, yoga, music and other great activities sponsored by our Peer Support Recovery Ministry in their kick-off for Mental Health Awareness Month event, 11 AM - 3 PM. Questions? Contact Deacon Carol.

Another faith formation link is available. Called "Parent Pause" the link features a simple question each week for parents to ponder throughout the following seven days. Feel free to email Deacon Carol any insights, questions, etc. This link can be found on NHELC's Faith Formation page on the church website, newhanoverlutheran.org.

Save the Date for Camp Falckner 2021 An overnight camping experience for youth completing fifth – twelfth grade will be held July  $27^{\text{th}} - 30^{\text{th}}$  in the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove. Watch for registration and more details.

**You are never too old to color**! On our Faith Formation page you'll find prayer coloring pages you can download and print out for those times you could use some quiet, mindful spaces in your life. Take deep breaths, color and enjoy!

**VBS 2021 is coming! "God's Good Creation"** will be this year's theme. We'll be joining again with our neighboring Lutheran churches in both an online and "in-person" outdoor program spread out over several weeks again as last year, beginning the week of June  $21^{st}$ . Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM, will be the inperson part at NHELC and involve mission projects. Each Monday will virtually kick-off the week's theme. New this year: A VBS for adults! Will be in-person Wednesday mornings, 10 - 11:30 AM at NHELC. We will follow all CDC recommendations for in-person gatherings. Watch for more details, registration forms and what kinds of volunteers we will need – especially a person to serve as a Coordinator for NHELC. For more information or questions contact Deacon Carol.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. Contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at caroldetweiler@comcast.net or call the church office (610-326-1335), leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be "delivered"!

### **Peer Support Ministry**

#### Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Training Scholarship

The Peer Support Recovery Ministry is pleased to announce that through a generous donation, we will be able to offer scholarships to two individuals in recovery from SUD (substance use disorder) to take a CRS (certified recovery specialist) training course to be able to work in the recovery field helping others.

Scholarship applications are due May 17, 2021. Scholarship awardees will be notified by May 21, 2021. Awardees will be contacted by NHELC Director of Recovery Ministry to get registered for the training that will start on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Training dates are EVERY Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, starting 7/10/21 and ending 9/11/21. Location: 15 Woodside Ave, West Lawn, PA 19609 For any questions please contact Ryan Schweiger at 610.326.1335 ext.6 or peersupport@newhanoverlutheran.org.

#### **Certified Recovery Specialist training scholarship**

Qualifications: 18 y/o, High School Diploma, 18 months of sustained recovery from SUD (substance use disorder), be able to access stable internet and complete class work/homework. Training is 80 hours total and you must attend all classes to receive approval to then take the (PCB) PA state examination to then become certified. A \$150 fee is required to take the exam and is not covered by the training or scholarship. If you meet the qualifications listed above please visit our peer support recovery ministry webpage at https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/peer-support-recovery/ and fill out the application at the bottom of page.

Peer Support Recovery Ministry – New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Contacts for Peer Support Recovery Ministry Team: Phone: 610.326.1335 ext.6 or peersupport@newhanoverlutheran.org. Peer Support Recovery Meetings: Mondays – 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM www.newhanoverlutheran.org

### **Food Ministry**

**Drivers are needed** to deliver meals on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM and/or Sundays at 1:45 PM. To signup, go to www.signupgenius.com then login using the email address marsha.staub@comcast.net. Need help signing up? Email Marsha or contact Pastor Scott to help.

**Drop off your grocery donations on Sunday before the 9** AM worship and 1 - 2 PM at the church kitchen entrance door. Someone will collect your items at the door and if they are busy, please place the items on a cart outside the door. Someone will take them inside shortly. Thank you for all your generosity in helping feed our neighbors. Chicken, beef, fresh fruit, pasta, frozen veggies and snacks are always welcomed and if in doubt, feel free to bring in any non-perishable food item.

**Monetary donations** for this ministry are appreciated. Go to our website using the link www.newhanoverlutheran.org/donate. Also, donations can be put in our mail slot located at the church fellowship hall entrance. Be sure to designate on your check or envelope "Food Ministry."

Know someone in the community who needs meals? Email Sally Sugita at sallysugita@yahoo.com with the person's name, number of people in the household and the address.

Thank you for your support.

### Remember in your prayers

#### Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Gene Reider, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Karen Trout, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Donna Kehs, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Marlyn Bieleski, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Russ and Lenore Gates, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Linda Norton, Alyssa Dierolf, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Debra Kissinger, Bobbie, Steve, Matt, Bob and Cindy, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Doris Gross, Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads, Ken Noecker

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

#### Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Jean Boyer, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Mark Noecker

#### Grieving

For the family and friends of Nancy Moser, David Schonely, Diane Snyder's father and Jean Caputo, Joe Caputo's mother

#### Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Fran E. Weaver, Doris Renninger, Janet Deloplaine, Wade Miller

#### Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, Temperance Leister, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

#### New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Call for an appointment.

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### Jesus hears our prayers

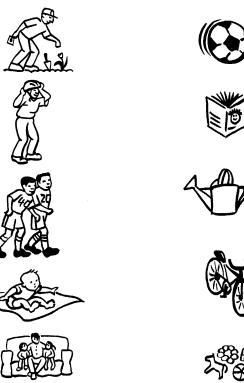
Jesus hears all of our prayers. Prayers of thanks, prayers for ourselves, prayers for others, and "I'm Sorry" prayers.

What are your prayers today? Write or draw them here.

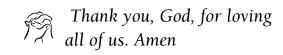


gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the fifth Sunday of Easter. Look at all the people sitting around you. They are all very different, they all enjoy doing different things, and God loves each of them.



Connect the people with something that will help them be able to do what they enjoy doing.



### This week

Do something different with your family each night of the week. Take turns deciding what that will be.

hear & celebrate

#### Jesus is the true vine

John 15:1-8

Jesus taught his disciples many things when he was with them.









Match the shapes below to the shapes on the people's shirts above, then write that shape's letter below the person. With all the letters written, find out what Jesus said about himself.



### Healthy vine, healthy fruit

Fruit cannot grow unless it is connected to a vine.

#### Fill this vine with all kinds of healthy fruit.

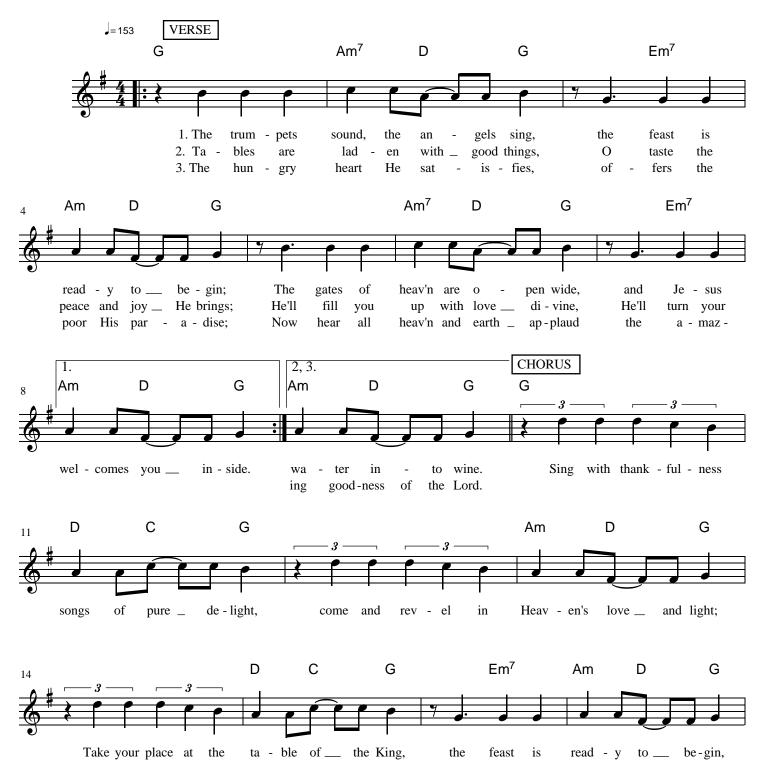




Celebrate the differences of every person in your family.

# The Feast Is Ready

Words and Music by Graham Kendrick



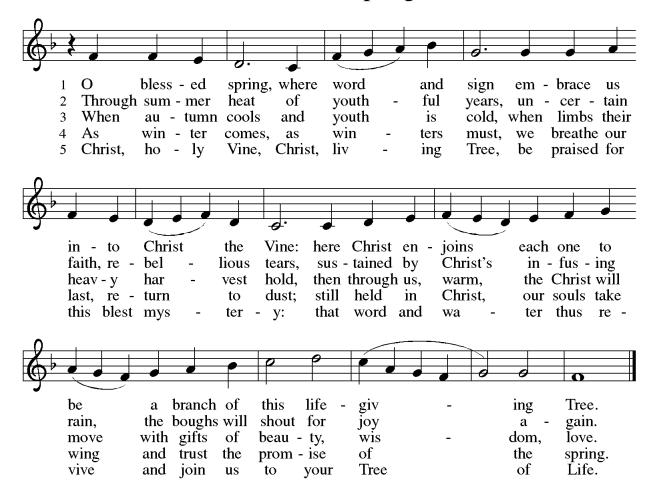
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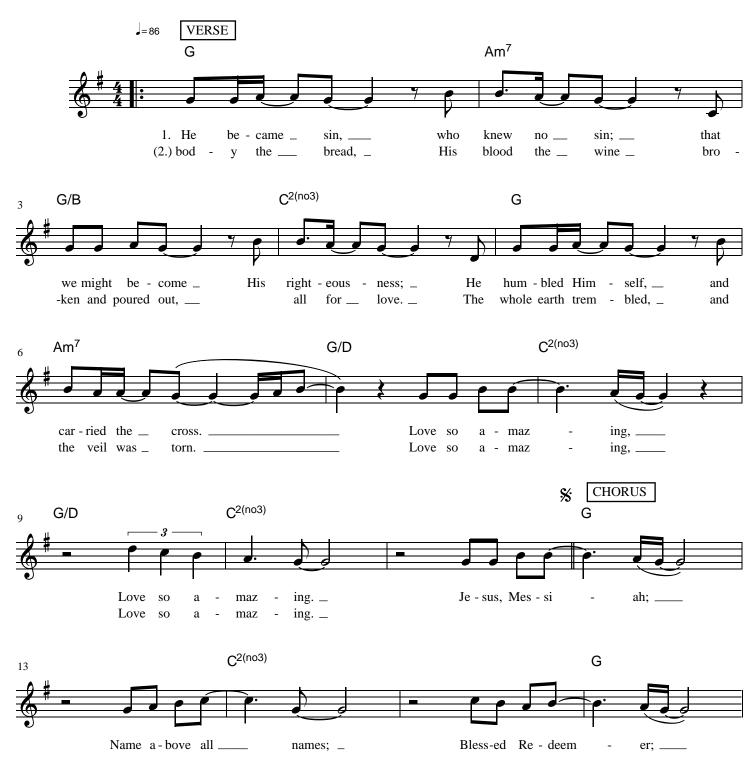
### **O** Blessed Spring



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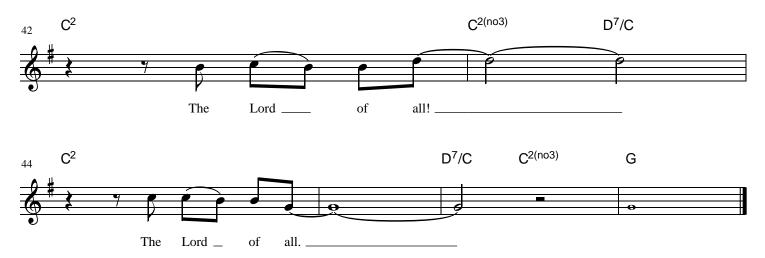
# Jesus Messiah

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## You Never Let Go

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman



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