

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Vulnerability is the only path to more love, belonging, and joy."

– Brené Brown

Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 22, 2026 10 a.m.

# Welcome!

**We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.**

Our open and affirming, caring active community welcomes people of all ages & backgrounds.

## House of Hope Mission Statement:

*Building a loving community for all, House of Hope shares God's grace and presence through music, the arts, reflection, and action. Come join us as we walk through life together.*

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, social hour, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our ushers will be glad to help you.

**We invite you to join us for refreshments**, served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

### Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians, or walk out with their guardians to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should come to the East Wing immediately after the service to pick up their children.
- **Worship:** Children may also engage their faith by remaining in the service.
- **Worship bags** are available in the Narthex with age-appropriate materials to help kids focus as they worship alongside their families. You can ask an usher to help you find the best bag for you!
- A **Wiggle Space** for children needing a little more scope to move is available in the sanctuary entrance way during the service. There are books and toys there for your use. Feel free to come in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.
- A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
- Our **Nursery** is open for infants – toddlers. A parent/guardian must sign children in and out of the nursery. Bring a photo ID with you.
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they feel comfortable. Feel free to ask an usher if you would feel more comfortable in a more private area.
- **Need help?** Ask an usher or Children and Family Ministry staff any time!

### Sunday Enrichments at 11:15 a.m.:

**Sunday, March 22 | Assembly Room: *The Houses of Hope Fund*.** For more than 25 years, The Houses of Hope Endowed Fund has been supporting affordable housing needs in Saint Paul and the East Metro. We will celebrate its success during worship and in Adult Enrichment. Several of our housing partners will join us to talk about what our partnership has meant to their organization's ability to provide and support housing needs in our community. It is truly something to celebrate HOH's efforts since the first grants were made in 2000.

**Sunday, March 29 | Sanctuary: *Matthew Culloton and the Motet Choir*.** Join House of Hope's Choirmaster Matthew Culloton and the Motet Choir to learn about music for Holy Week at HOH. Through musical examples and a short lecture style, Matthew will offer a glimpse at what music was selected, what makes it so meaningful, and how each piece will fit into the Holy Week services.

# THE APPROACH TO GOD

## Prelude

Improvisation on LLANGLOFFAN  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

## Introit

Psalm 86  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Trinity Psalter

## +Processional Hymn 289

*O God of Every Nation*

LLANGLOFFAN

## +Call to Worship *(Congregation reads the text in bold)*

Rev. James D. Cochrane

We are children of light,

**rejoicing in everything good and right and true.**

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

**In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake,**

**and we stand in the light of Christ.**

## +Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world.**

**We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good,  
not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles.**

**Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call,**

**ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.**

## +Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## +The Peace *(The Peace of the Lord is shared with those around you.)*

## +Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low; praise  
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



## Time for Children

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

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## Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9 (NT, pp. 198-199 in pew Bible)

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God within us,  
For the Word of God among us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

*Healing Work*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### +Hymn 394

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

+**Affirmation of Faith** — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with all God's children by faithful obedience to his call.**

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*(The prayers will begin with a moment for silent reflection.)*

**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.**

**Offering** — There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift"
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
- **QR Code.** Please see insert.

**Offertory Anthem**

*Agnus Dei (from Kleine Orgelmesse)*

F.J. Haydn

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.*

**+Offertory Response**



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that  
 songs can - not re - pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at  
 bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and  
 wait u-pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**+Recessional Hymn 467**

*How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

**+Benediction**

## Postlude

Sortie

César Franck

## Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

**Peace Candle.** The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayer for peace in the world.

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in loving memory of James Patrick Adams.

**The Pulpit Flowers** are given in loving memory of Dennis Reppen.

**March Food Drive.** 1 in 10 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. You can make a difference during the March Food Drive as we support the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. Our March Food Drive is vitally important as we help the 1 in 7 hungry children, or 1 in 10 people overall. **How can you help? Financial donations help our food partners buy much more.** They can multiply cash gifts through buying in bulk, and they can buy what they need the most. **Bring food donations** to the shopping cart outside the Elizabeth Chapel and in the Narthex. **Volunteer at Loaves and Fishes**, contact Norma Herther or Kevin Loney for more information. 2026 Dates: April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 21.

**Ways to Give:** By cash, or check with memo: 'Food Pantry' in pew envelopes; or at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Food Pantry; or Text **HOH Food** to 73256

**Cover Art:** *Water & Spirit*, an original painting by Robyn Sand Anderson, that was commissioned by the Arts Committee after her exhibit in the gallery during the spring of 2022. The original hangs in the Portland Ave. entrance hallway.

## O God of Every Nation

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LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D

Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972



1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,  
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,  
 3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease  
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,



Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;  
 From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,  
 From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;  
 When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,  
 When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;  
 Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign



In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.  
 De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.



# There Is a Balm in Gilead

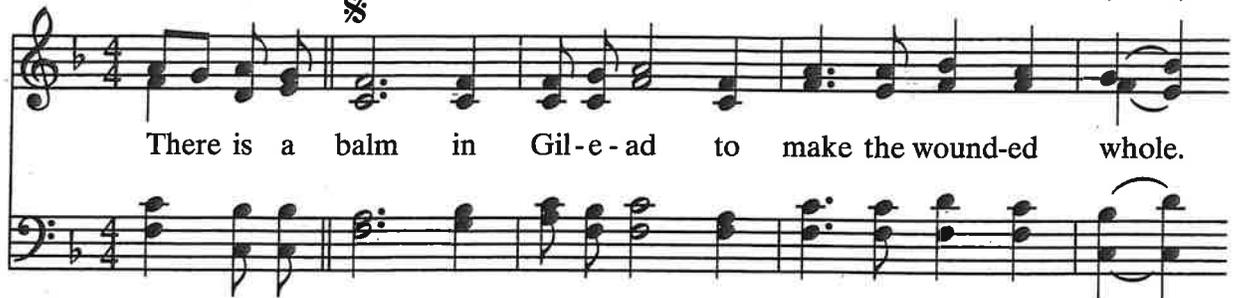
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BALM IN GILEAD 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual

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Arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989; alt.

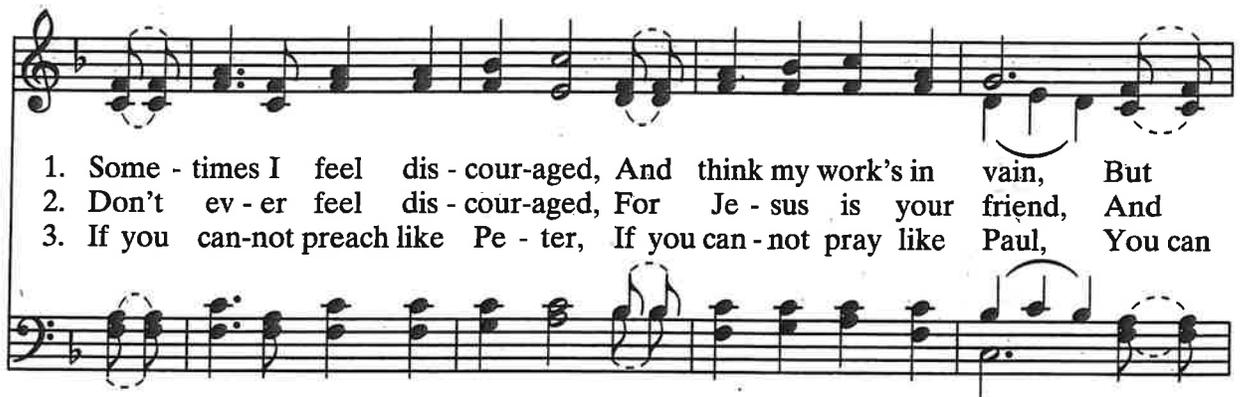
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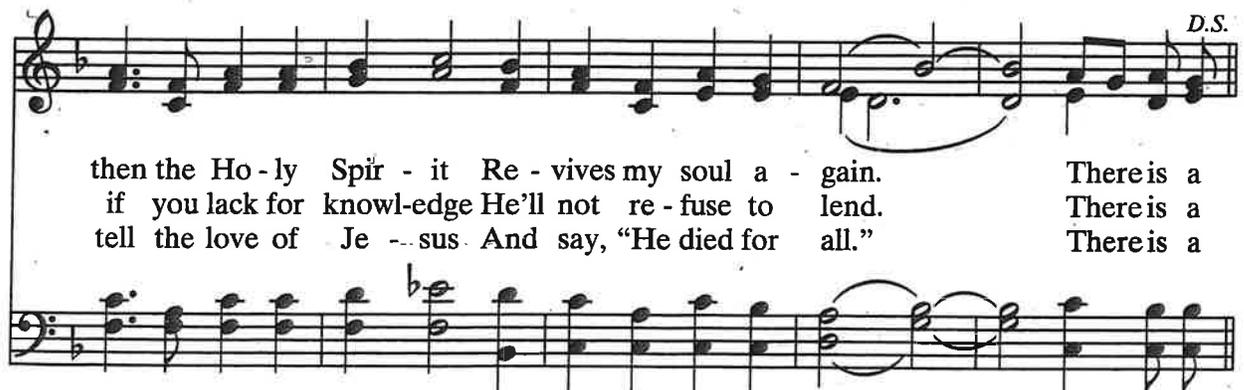
There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole.



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*



1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But  
2. Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, For Je-sus is your friend, And  
3. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, If you can-not pray like Paul, You can



then the Ho-ly Spir-it Re-vives my soul a-gain. *D.S.* There is a  
if you lack for knowl-edge He'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
tell the love of Je--sus And say, "He died for all." There is a

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## How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue, 1989

Swedish folk melody

Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949



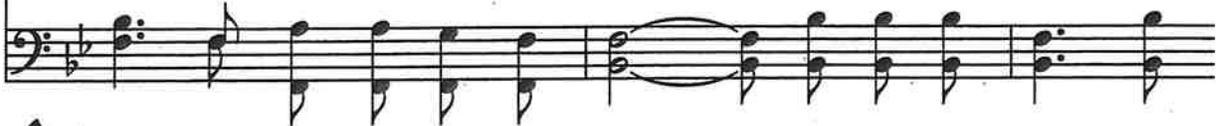
1. Joo ha nah nim jee eu shin mo dun seh geh Nae ma um  
 2. Soop sok ee nah hum hahn sahn gol jjak eh suh Jee juh gee

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the



so geh geu ree uh bol ttae Ha neul eh byul ool  
 nun juh sae so ree deul gwa Ko yo ha geh heu

all the \*worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from



lyuh paw jee nun nweh sung Joo nim eh kwon nung oo joo eh chan  
 reu nun see nae moo reun Joo nim eh som ssee no rae ha doh

hear the \*roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through-out the u - ni - verse dis -  
 loft - y moun-tain gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle



*Hooryum  
 Refrain*



neh Joo nim eh nop go wee dae ha shim ul  
 dah

played; Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee,  
 breeze;



Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh Joo nim eh nop go  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my

wee dae ha shim eul Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh  
Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

3. Joo ha nah nim tok seng ja ak kim up see  
Oo ree rul wee hae ddang eh bo nae uh  
Seep ja ga eh pee heul lyuh juk keh ha sa  
Nae mo dun chway rul goo sok ha shun neh  
*Hooryum*

3. And when I think that God, His Son  
not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly  
bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
*Refrain*

4. Nae joo Ye su seh sahng eh dah see ol ttae  
Juh chun goo geu ro nal in doh ha ree  
Na kyum son hee up deu ryuh kyung bae ha myuh  
Young won hee joo rul chan yahng ha ree rah  
*Hooryum*

4. When Christ shall come with shout  
of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall  
fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God,  
how great Thou art!  
*Refrain*

\*Original English words were "works" and "mighty."



# News & Opportunities

March 22 – 29, 2026

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8  
Sunday School | 10:10 a.m. | Rooms 2&4

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: [ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org)

### 2026 Youth Summer Mission Trip June 20-26

Work: We will be working at Clearwater Forest (painting, trail work, etc.), and possibly doing community service with local organizations. Cost: \$350 per youth: Scholarships Available. **Reservation Deadline: March 22.** Contact Elsa Kendig for more information.



## Midday Lenten Prayer Services Wednesdays in Lent March 25, April 1

**Elizabeth Chapel | 12:15 p.m.**

On Wednesday in Lent, House of Hope will offer a short, contemplative prayer service in the Elizabeth Chapel. Led by clergy, Scripture reading, prayers, bells, and silence will invite us to ground and center ourselves in this season of renewing practice and deepening wisdom. Rather than giving something up this Lent, consider trying out this liturgy as a new spiritual practice. Come with eyes to see, and ears to hear.



## House of Hope Choir School Spring Flower Sale and Pick Up

**Order Deadline: Thursday, March 30 | 10 p.m.**

Order online:

[www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com) and enter Store ID: 95

Curbside Pickup: Wednesday, April 29 | Porte Cochere  
Entrance 3:30 - 6 p.m.

**Easter Memorials:** You may purchase an Easter lily (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Your donation will support the ministries of House of Hope. The deadline for reserving Easter Memorials is Palm Sunday, March 29. Contact the church office, or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/EasterMemorials>

## Formation Classes: Methods of Interpretation Wednesdays in March (March 25)

**Kirk Parlour | 5:30 - 7 p.m.**

Our Formations series will continue in March with a four-week series led by Senior Pastor Scott Jones on the methods of Biblical interpretation. "Interpretation is not a process along a linear trajectory from ignorance to understanding via the medium of the text . . . but an endless stimulation to further inquiry and conversation." So writes David Jasper in his book *A Short Introduction to Hermeneutics*. "Hermeneutics" being the fancy word for the study of interpretation.

Join us for a potluck at 5:30 p.m. with the class following the meal.

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

## Palm Sunday Faith in Action Marches.

Christians stand for loving our neighbors. We stand for healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger. We stand for telling the truth and honoring the dignity and worth of every child of God. On Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, Christians across the country will stand up to the rise of authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism. We will stand against the politics of greed, cruelty, and oppression by continuing to show the country that our central commandments, to love God and love our neighbors, is our way forward. There are several Minnesota locations, as well as around the country. To find a march nearest you, please use the following link, and scroll down to your State and nearest city to register. <https://bit.ly/PalmSundayFaithAction>

## Week Beginning March 22, 2026

### Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4  
11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
11 a.m. Pre-Pilgrimage Gathering, Dining A&B  
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room  
11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
11:15 a.m. Paper Making, Room 2  
12:15 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Rm  
3 p.m. Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

### Monday, March 23, 2026

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chapel/Zoom  
3 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room  
5 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Library  
6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room  
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

### Tuesday, March 24, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room  
6 p.m. Childcare, Room 8  
5:30 p.m. Sunday-Weekday Connection, Kirk Parlour

### Wednesday, March 25, 2026

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1  
12:15 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Chapel  
4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm  
4 p.m. Staff Support Committee, Kirby Lounge  
5 p.m. Childcare, Room 8  
5:30 p.m. Formation Series, Kirk Parlour  
7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5  
7 p.m. Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 26, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
10 a.m. WinterWalk, East Wing  
1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library  
2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Rm  
5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

### Friday, March 27, 2026

8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom  
9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom

### Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room  
8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
9:15 a.m. Choir School, Choir School Room  
9:45 a.m. Children Palm Frond Pickup, Room 7  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4  
11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
11:15 a.m. Caregiving Conversations, Bridal Room  
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org).

**In Memoriam**

**Sherla Mayer** entered the Church Triumphant on March 15, 2026.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

*"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" - Romans 14:8*

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