

SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST
THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR
NINE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK AM

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MORNING WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 | 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**Where indicated, please rise in body and or in spirit.*

We welcome each of you to this service! Maybe you've been here more times than you can count. Maybe it's been a while, maybe never. Here is what matters: No matter who you are or where you are from, you are a child of God, and you are welcome here!

THE GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

THE PRELUDE

Thine is the Glory

Handel, arr. Larson

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Towers

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THE GREETING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Grace and peace to you from our risen Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. My siblings in Christ: On this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the church to watch and pray. This is the Passover of Christ, in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

THE CHORAL INTROIT

Easter Introit

John Ferguson

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

INSERT | Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTERTIDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 194

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re-deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav - en join to say, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
7.7.7.7 with alleluias

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

One: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

All: Those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

All: God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

All: Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer each other signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

THE CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

All: Our Father (God), 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE ANTHEM

To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

Ye servants of God, your Savior proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have. The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give Him His right. All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb.

*THE DOXOLOGY

UMH NO. 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

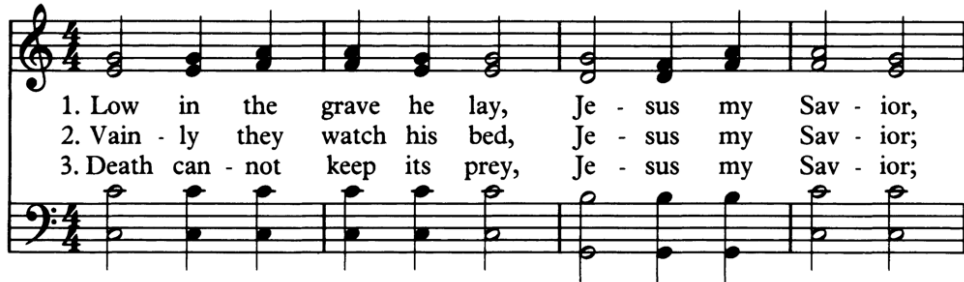
One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

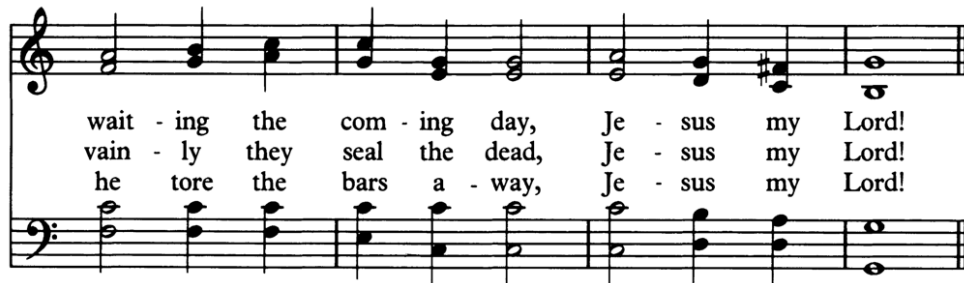
*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH NO. 322 | Up From the Grave He Arose

322 Up from the Grave He Arose



1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;



wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord!
 vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!
 he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

Refrain



Up from the grave he a - rose, (he a - rose) with a



might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he a -



rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! (he a-rose) He a-rose! (he a-rose) Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1874
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE
 65.64 with Refrain

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles

as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON

This Changes Everything!

Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** universal*

SENDING FORTH

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH NO.327 | Crown Him with Many Crowns

327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heav-en-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12)
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

DIADEMATA
 SMD

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION, *see further:*

636 Christian People, Raise Your Song 715, 716 Rejoice, the Lord Is King
 177 He Is Lord

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata, from Symphony #5

Charles-Marie Widor

Everyone is invited to place flowers and branches to transform our cross on the front lawn. Then throughout the morning, watch as it slowly transforms to create this beautiful symbol of the Resurrection.

The annual Easter Cross of Flowers creates a wonderful photographic background for pictures.

Thank you, Eddie Gammill for creating our beautiful new white paraments that are on the Altar today.

The altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given today by Scott VanDerbeck and Zeb Lau to the Glory of God, and in honor of our parents, the late Rev. Kuok-Ding & Lilyc Bee-Jin Lau, and Bruce & Mitzie VanDerbeck.



SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WELCOME STATEMENT

As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family, or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Liturgists:	Rev. Andy Peabody, Associate Pastor Madi Dunn, Children's Minister Luke Murphy, Youth Minister Intern Meagan Williams, Assistant Minister of Young Adults
Music:	Justin Bowen, Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist Saint Mark Chancel Choir Saint Mark Handbell Choir
Audio Visual:	Johnny Sims, Coordinator of Online Ministry, Nikki and Tiffany Baltazar, Jay Drew, Deana Hilton, Hayden McArthur, Anna Rader, Paul Spencer, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle
Usher Team:	Joel Black, Bob Brown, Christian Fuller, Kristen Fuller, Deana Hilton, Mark Jefferson, Russell McKinney, and Buddy Wofford
Greeter Team:	Andy and Pam Davis, Kristen Fuller, Dorian Jean Laguerre, and David Wilson

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WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!



Attendance

Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your row or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.



We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark

Visit www.stmarkumc.org and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.

Tithes & Offerings

Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use one of the QR codes below. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

- Using your Smartphone's camera, scan the QR Code. & follow the prompts.

SecureGive



PayPal



Venmo



Text to Give



- To give via text, scan the QR code, and replace the \$\$ in the text with the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text operating 25.

New Members Sunday

If you would like to join Saint Mark UMC, please reach out to **Robert Gilleo** at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org. The next New Member Sunday is just a few Sundays away.

Current COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

If you are sick, please stay home. If you have come into contact with someone positive for COVID-19, follow the precautions recommended by the CDC. In order to care for our collective well-being, we strongly recommend that anyone who is eligible to be vaccinated do so, especially before participating in indoor activities.

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry is carried out by our own outstanding designer, **David Boswell**. He seeks to serve the Saint Mark community and to glorify God by creating skillful and graceful flower arrangements to enhance worship and other church sponsored activities. To request a flower dedication, please contact the **Church Office** at office@stmarkumc.org.

Congregational Hikes | Walk with us...

- April 20th- Atlanta Beltline | Monroe Dr. Access Point
- June 22nd - Sweetwater Creek State Park
- August 17th - Suwanee Greenway Trail
- October 19th - Amicalola Falls State Park

General Conference Listening Sessions

Sunday, April 7 | After 2nd Service | Chapel

Wednesday, April 10 | Wednesday Night Supper | Wade Fellowship Hall

Regarding our denomination's upcoming General Conference, which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, from April 23 to May 3. This is the postponed 2020 General Conference, which was delayed because of the pandemic. General Conference is the official legislative body of our denomination that is able to revise The Book of Discipline – the polity that governs our denomination, and The Book of Resolutions – the statements on social issues that represent the position of the denomination. The decisions that are made at General Conference will impact conferences and local churches across the denomination.

UMC101

Young Adult Small Group | Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm | April 3rd - May 22nd

Are you a young adult interested in learning more about Saint Mark's connection to the Methodist tradition? Join the young adult ministry in our upcoming UMC 101 small group series! Whether you're new to the United Methodist Church or grew up in the UMC, this series will provide you with a deeper understanding of Methodist beliefs, practices, and history. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, April 3rd - May 22nd at Saint Mark UMC.

Open Doors Planning Session

Sunday, April 21 | After 2nd Service | Wade Hall

For those who are interested in helping with Open Doors this year, we will have an informational and brainstorming session on Sunday, April 21. Our first Open Doors this year are:

- Sunday, May 19th
- Sunday, June 16th
- Sunday, July 28th

These are the same dates that Atlanta will be having Streets Alive! Peachtree St. will be closed to vehicle traffic and pedestrians will be free to walk, ride, or scoot down Peachtree St. from 1-5 pm. For more information, please contact, Pam Davis, at fireflyrd@yahoo.com.

Mission Sunday | Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our mission outreach for Wellroot Family Services earlier this month, packing Easter Baskets and Essential Kits for young adults in foster care. We packed close to 20 baskets and up to 33 cleaning kits, at this point. Wellroot Family Services, formerly known as the United Methodist Children's Home, is one of our extension ministries in the North Georgia Conference. Wellroot has been a long advocate and support for families and children across our state, with a mission to restore families and children from trauma through Jesus Christ. Later this year we will have the opportunity to hear from Rev. April McGlothlin-Eller, their Director of Community Development, who will share with us about the life-transforming work they are doing in the lives of families and children throughout Georgia.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

For reservations, please email **Robert Gilleo** at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org no later than 5 PM Tuesday. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Program begins at 6:00 PM.

Tickets: \$10 for seniors, \$11 general

April 3	BBQ Chicken
April 10	Homemade Lasagna
April 17	Baked Potato Bar
April 24	Low Country Boil (Shrimp and Sausage)
May 1	Taco Bar
May 8	BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken
May 15	Cookout (Hamburgers and Hot Dogs)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 1	Church Offices Closed
April 3	Luther and Helen Smith Interview
April 21	Church Council
April 23 – May 3	General Conference Charlotte, NC
April 28	Green Team Kick-off Meeting
May 5	Churchwide Celebration of our Volunteers
May 19	Streets Alive
June 3-7	Vacation Bible School Lutheran Redeemer
June 13-15	North Georgia Annual Conference Athens, GA
June 16	Streets Alive
July 10-12	Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Lake Junaluska, NC
July 28	Streets Alive

EASTER LILIES

We Celebrate Life!



In Loving Memory

Of...

From

Dr. Richard Adicks and Jennifer Adicks Harnage

Scott Dixon

Ruby Johnanne Carnes Allen

The Becker Family

Peggy Atkinson

The Becker Family

Gail and Frank Barber

Lee-Barber Family

Dr. Gene S. Barlow, my dad

Jenny Barlow

Floyd Barnett

The Becker Family

Betty A. Barron

Tommy Barron, Jr.

Louis and Alice Becker

Jerry Becker

Jan Bethards

John Klein

Jan Bethards

Laura Butler

Jimmy Bodker

Bill Cox

James Boulet

Robert Boulet

Tessie Boulet

Robert Boulet

Jeffrey Brown

Jerry Becker

Kelly Brown, my beloved daughter

Roger Brown

Ms. Kelly Brown

Robert L. Manning

Robert and May Brown

Greg Brown

Rudy Sr. and Mary Burlin

Ray Marchant

Harold and Frances Butler

Laura Butler

Jim and Pat Butler

Laura Butler

James Chandler

Timothy Swoger

Peg Chandler

Timothy Swoger

Kurt Collier

Scott Dixon

Ned and Charlotte Cox

Bill Cox

Mark Crouch

Paul Holland

Mark S. Dixon

Scott Dixon

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dixon

Scott Dixon

Mary duPont-McKendrick

Chip duPont

Lillian L. Evans

Carissa Evans

Carol Fechter

Joel Fechter

Chris and Charles Ford

Audra Dial

Rev. Vanna Fox

Laura Butler

Alice Fuller

Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens

Margaret and James Garnett

Paul Holland

James J. and Teresa A. Gilleo

Robert Gilleo

Lorenzo F. Gonzalez Sr.

Scott Dixon

Casey Goodman

Paul Holland

Tio Gordo

Madeline Pascavage

Diane Haase

Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens

In Loving Memory

Of...

Dorothy Lou Hann and John Robert Hann
Janis Hawkins, Diane Hawkins, and Lois King
Doris Hawthorne
Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Hawthorne
Carol Hazen
Florence R. Heaps
Melba Henderson
The Holland Family
Rev. and Mrs. Ding and Lilyc Lau, parents of Zeb Lau
Hazel and Ophery Lee
Tim Lee
Deborah June Long
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Manning, Jr.
Mrs. Linda V. Manning
Jackie and Mary Marchant
Kenneth W. Martin
Dr. Jesse Peel
Keith Poss
Georgianna Rothfus
Oliver and Bernice Sampson
Lisa Savage
Don Schoner
Herbert and Rosalie Seeling
Dr. Darren Shoyer
Wade Steverson
Julietta Strickland
Irene Swoger
Marcia Swoger
Jerry Varnedoe
Walter William & Sylvia Klein
Paul Winslow's mother Ruth Winslow
Mary Woelper
Christina Wofford
Clifton Wofford
Nicholas Wofford

From

Karen Livius
Jerry Becker
Scott Dixon
Scott Dixon
David Hazen
Chip duPont
Jason Henderson and Jay Varnedoe
Paul Holland
Zeb Lau and Scott Van Derbeck
Lee-Barber Family
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Katie Long
Robert L. Manning
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Ray Marchant
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Timothy Swoger
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Jason Henderson and Jay Varnedoe
John Klein
Kim and Paul Winslow
Betsy Moore
Buddy Wofford
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In Honor

Of...

Roger Brown
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Bill Sim Caldweel, III, Ph.D.
Charles Vincent Caldwell
Jane Douglas
Mr. & Mrs. Peter R. Edelman
Susan Fermer
Duncan Ford
Georgia Gonzalez
Ms. Deana Hilton
Amy Holloway
Phil Hulst
Penelope McCalley
Betsy Moore
Rev. Andy Peabody
Kim Winslow's mother Lyn Reed
The Saint Mark UMC Staff
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Johnny Sims
Sybil Smith
Pastor Carolyn Stephens
Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Stephens
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Eric Steverson
9AM Service Ushers and Greeter Team
Mitzie and Bruce VanDerbeck, parents of Scott VanDerbeck
Mr. Sattra Viriyacharontham
The Youth of Saint Mark as they grow in their faith and love for others
Marcia Zamora y Familia

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Laura Butler
Kim and Paul Winslow
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