

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2013

Worship Notes

The parable of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10 again provides the core of our service—who is our neighbor and what does it mean to love and serve them. **Psalm III** reminds us in our **Call to Worship** that the Lord is gracious and merciful and He provides food for those who fear Him. We continue by singing **Crown Him With Many Crowns** for He is the Lord of love as well as **O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus**.

In the **New Testament Reading** from **Galatians 5**, Paul reminds us that loving our neighbor is one way we serve one another in freedom. The **Prayer of Confession** from **I Peter 4** reflects our failure to do that by not loving others as He has loved us. We prayerfully respond by singing **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken** for He has called us to leave everything and follow Him—He owns our love even as He calls us to serve those around us.

Our **Communion Hymns**—**O Lord, How Joyful Tis to See** and **I Will Go** both speak of our loves for others in dwelling together in unity as well as being a servant called to let go of anything that captures our attention other than the glory of Christ. Our final hymn, **Awake My Zeal, Awake My Love**, calls us to respond to the love of God by serving Him in the ways that we care for our neighbors and those in need. *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*—*I John 3:16*

—Greg Wilbur

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts.

Prelude

Announcements & Preparation

Introit—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I

I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—Psalm III:I-5

Pastor: Praise the LORD! We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

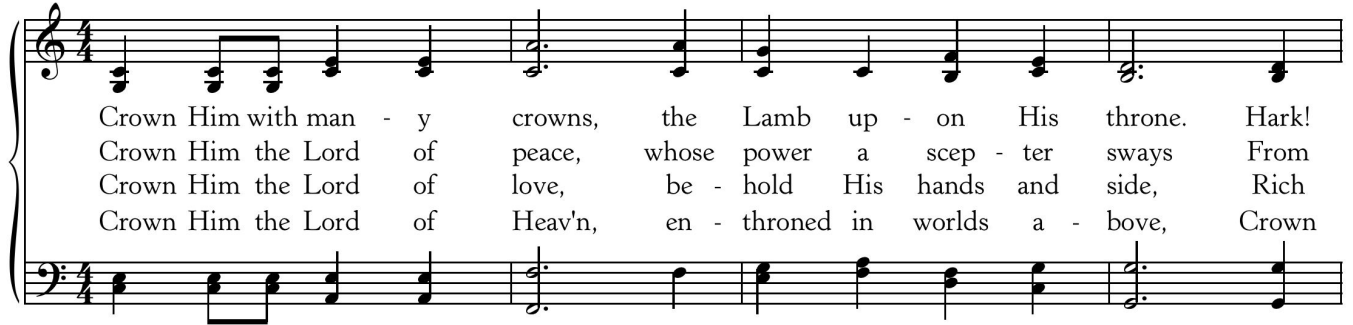
All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

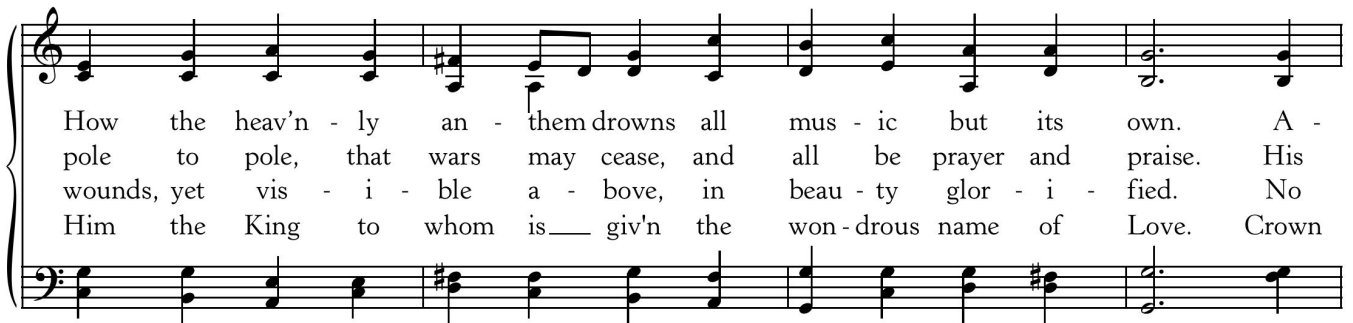
All: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

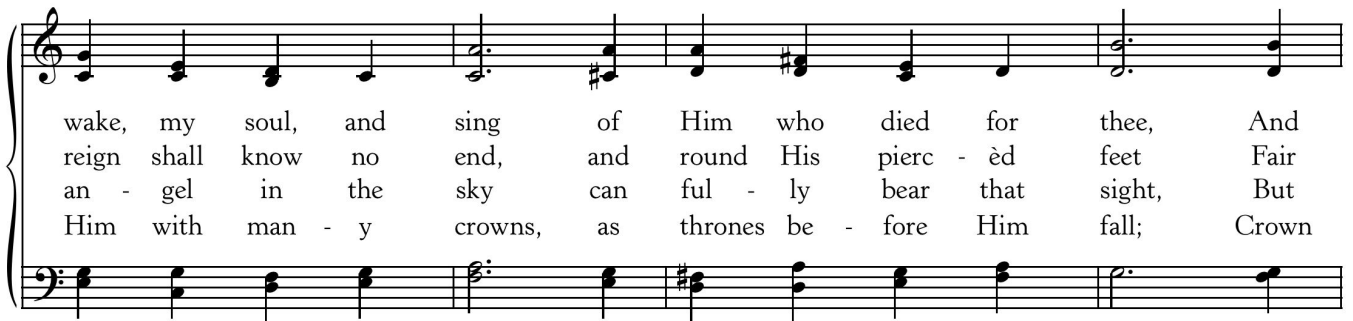
Hymn of Praise—Crown Him With Many Crowns



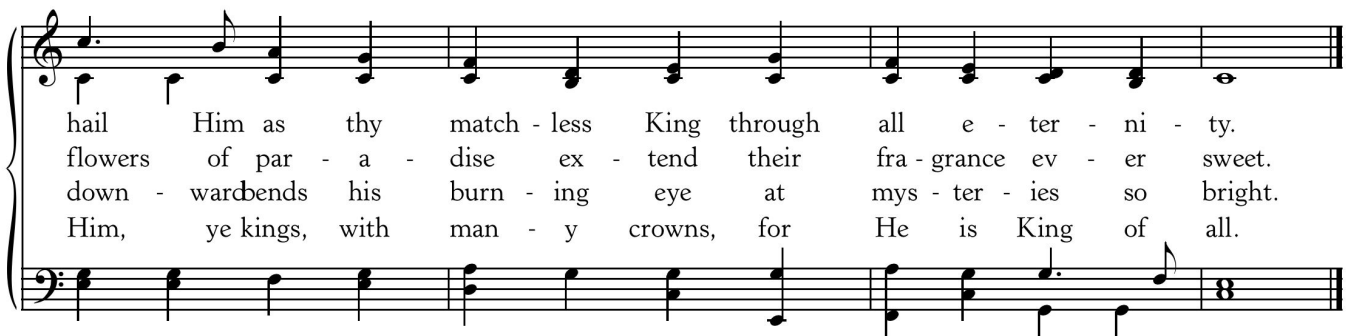
Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne. Hark!
Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways From
Crown Him the Lord of love, be - hold His hands and side, Rich
Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove, Crown



How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own. A -
pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied. No
Him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love. Crown



wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And
reign shall know no end, and round His pierc - ed feet Fair
an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, But
Him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for He is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

Hymn of Praise—O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. There are several trill ornaments (marked with a '3' and a bracket) in the vocal line. The lyrics are: 'O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free; O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from shore to shore; O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry love the best; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me. how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, changeth nev - er, nev - er - more; 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove. how for them he in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne. and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.'

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890.

(Please be seated)

New Membership Vows

James Esmond, Mark & Sharon Haney, Matt & Kimbra Johnston (McKinley & Quinn)

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

New Testament Reading—Galatians 5:13-14

Serve One Another Through Love

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Response—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on I Peter 4:7-11

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. For the sake of our prayers, You call us to be self-controlled and sober-minded.

All: Above all, we are to keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Pastor: We confess that our love is rarely earnest and we seek to uncover faults in one another.

All: Forgive us for not loving others as You have loved us.

Pastor: Let us show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

All: As good stewards of Your varied grace, may we use our gifts to serve one another instead of seeking to advance ourselves.

Pastor: Help us to speak Your words boldly.

All: Help us to serve as one who serves by Your strength in order that You might be glorified.

Pastor: To You belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

Sung Response—Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from I Peter 1:22-23

Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; your souls are purified for obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love—that you may love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

Hymn of Praise—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, All to leave and fol - low Thee;
Let the world de - spise and leave me, they have left my Sav - ior too;
Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Hast - en on from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith and winged by prayer;



Des - ti - tute, des - pised, for - sak - en, Thou from hence my all shalt be:
Hu - manhearts and looks de - ceive me; Thou art not, like man, un - true.
Life with tri - als hard may press me, Heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.
Heav'n's e - ter - nal days be - fore me, God's own hand shall guide me there.



Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, All I've sought or hoped or known;
And while Thou shalt smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love and might,
O 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;
Soon shall close my earth - ly mis - sion, Swift shall pass my pil - grim days,



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
Foes may hate and friends may shun me, show Thy face and all is bright.
O 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy un - mixed with Thee.
Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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Ministry Report: Compassion International—Thomas and Maggie Purifoy

The Reading of the Word—Luke 10:25-37

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil

and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 45

Like a Good Neighbor, Part 2

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Response of Praise—Glory Be to the Father, Vs I

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Text: Horatius Bonar, 1868; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011. ©2011 Greyfriars Press

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; The one holy Church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN

MEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -
 Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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 high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.
 san - nah in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est. A - men.

Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all those "faithfully-fenced" members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—O Lord, How Joyful Tis to See

O Lord, how joy - - - ful 'tis to see The breth - ren
 How sweet with - in Thy ho - ly place With one ac -
 The world with - out may rage, but we Will on - ly
 O may we love, the house of God, Of peace and
 join in love to Thee! On Thee a - lone
 cord to sing Thy grace. Be - sieg - ing Thy
 cling more close to Thee. With hearts to Thee,
 joy, the blest a - bode. O may no an - - -

their heart re - lies Their on - ly strength Thy grace sup - plies.
 at - ten - tive ear With all the force of fer - vent prayer!
 more whol - ly giv'n More weaned from earth, more fixed on Heav'n.
 gry strife des - troy That sac - red peace, that ho - ly joy.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, Tr by John Chandler, 1837, based on Psalm 133; Music: American Folk Melody

Hymn of Communion—I Will Go

Give me ears to hear Your Spir - it; give me feet to fol - low through. Give me hands to
 touch the hurt - ing and the faith to fol - low You. Give me grace to be a ser - vant:
 give me mer - cy for - the lost. Give me pas - sion for Your glo - ry, give me pas - sion for the
 cross. And I will go where there are no eas - y roads, leavethe com - forts that I
 know. I will go and let this jour - ney be my home. I will go. I will go.
 I'll let go of my am - bi - tion, cut the roots that run too deep. I will learn to give a - way
 what I can - not real - ly keep. And I will go where there are no eas - y roads, leave the
 com - forts that I know. I will go and let this jour - ney be my home. I will go.
 I will go. I will go, Lord, where Your glo - ry is un - known. I will live for You a -
 lone. I will go be - cause my life is not my own. I will go. I will go.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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, forever. *Amen.*

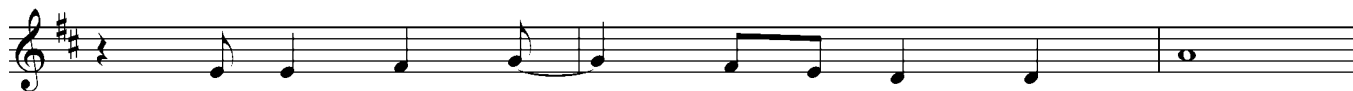
Hymn of Praise—Awake My Zeal



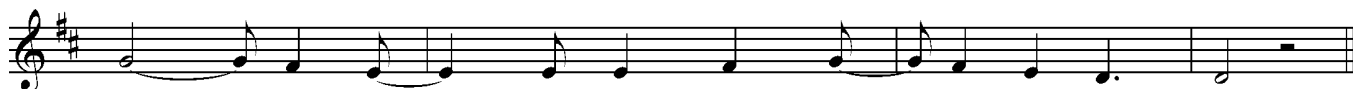
A - wake, my zeal; a - wake, my love, To serve my Sav -
A - wake, my char - i - ty, to feed The hun - gry soul,
Sub - due thy pass - ions, O my soul! Main - tain the fight,
Let ev - ery fly - ing hour con - fess I gain Thy Gos -



ior here be - low, In works which per - fect saints a - bove
and clothe the poor; In Heav'n are found no sons of need,
thy work pur - sue, Dail - y thy ris - ing sins con - trol,
pel fresh re - nown; And when my life and la - bors cease,



And ho - ly an - - - gels can - - - not do.
There all these du - - - ties are no more.
And be thy vic' - - - tries ev - - - er new.
May I poss - ess the prom - - - ised crown!



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Bobby Guy and Craig Brown, 1998.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—I John 3:11, 16 & 18

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs 11

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - jice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Randy Allen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays 5:30 p.m., Brook's house.

Chuck Emerson, 2nd and 4th Sundays 5:00 p.m., Steffens' house.

Cy Fenton, Sundays after church, Fentons or Hensleys.

Stacy McGuire, Sundays after church, upstairs at Cornerstone.

Greg Wilbur & Matt Michaud, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Wilbur's house.

Jim Smith, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:00 p.m., Smith's house.

We are returning to the story of the Good Samaritan today to discuss more practically what it would mean to live by the teaching of this passage. Please take the questions below personally and consider with your family and HFG what committing to love our neighbor as ourselves.

What is your biggest barrier in getting to know and serving your neighbors?

One of the leading characteristics of good neighboring is compassion. Do you have compassion on others? If not, how might the gospel train your heart in compassion for your neighbors?

As love for neighbors becomes characteristic of your life, you begin to create margin in your life for helping others. Two things that change: pace and flexibility.

- Can you be interrupted without causing great frustration?
- Are you flexible enough to adapt to changing circumstances?
- Do you live at a pace that makes helping others virtually impossible?
- Depending on your answers to the questions above, consider ways that you might need to adapt your life or create accountability in your life that you might be freed up to serve your neighbors better.

What small steps can you (or your family) make this next week for getting to know your most immediate neighbors at home, work, school, etc.? Whatever it is, make a plan to do so and be prayerful as you go. If God changes your plans by drawing your attention to obvious needs of other neighbors, then great, do that! As always, watch for His lead!

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