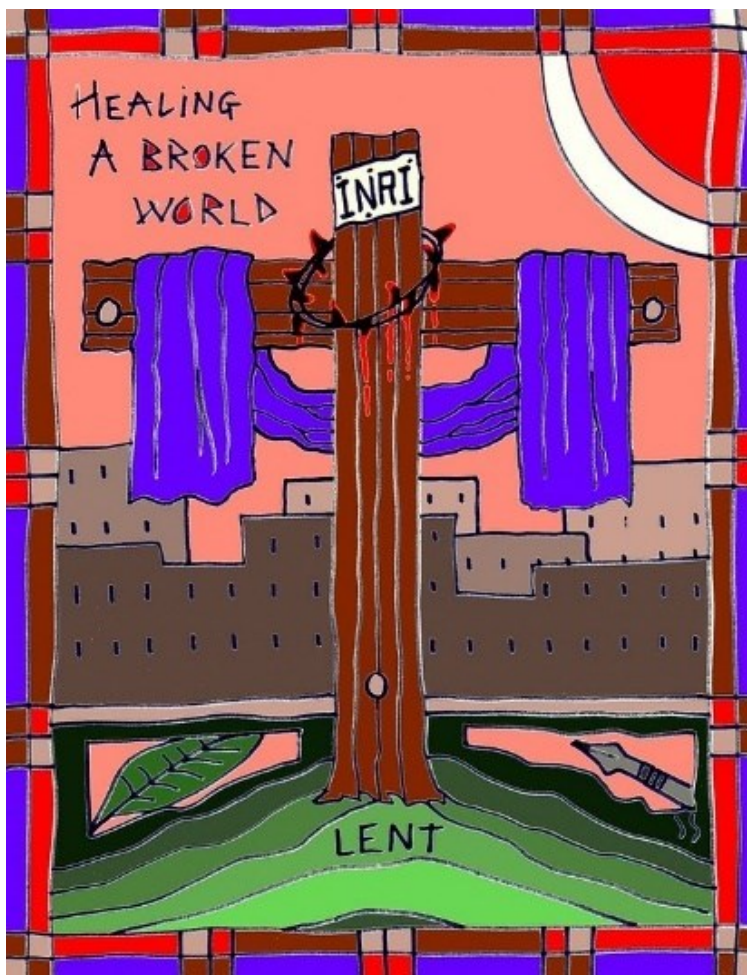


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.

Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,

and to record your attendance at royallane.org/register (see QR located following postlude)

To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

*For the safety and protection of our children and those with compromised immune systems,
masks are required in the building.*

✠ – Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Today's focus passage is one of the greatest parables Jesus told and a much loved short story. It is a tale for every phase of our life: for our wandering youth, our staid middle age, and our softened old age as we take the part of prodigal, older sibling, and loving parent. It is a story of rebellion and of a love that puts us back together in spite of ourselves and that challenges us to live generously among those we might consider family. God's welcome intends to leave no one on the outside looking in. God provides the grace and welcome we need.

Voluntary

Glenn Stroh

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

Like a loving Father,

God offers us freedom to choose our own path.

In God's freedom, we are a new creation.

Like a merciful Mother,

God offers us compassion when we lose our way.

In God's mercy, we are a new creation.

Like a forgiving Parent,

God welcomes us home with open arms.

In God's embrace, we are a new creation.

Come! Let us worship the one

who makes all things new.

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Merciful God, you seek the lost sheep of your pasture; you call out to all who have strayed. As the father welcomed the prodigal son home, receive us back into your loving arms. Your steadfast love, O God, knows no bounds. Your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our time of worship, that we may feel your presence and know that you are our true home. Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

We Pray for Peace — FINLANDIA

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

Scripture Lesson

Ryah H. & Daniel R.

Luke 15:11-32 [Pew Bible page 850 of the New Testament or see insert]

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!

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play,
You may collect your children in Vickrey Hall following the service.*

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

O God, How We Have Wandered — PASSION CHORALE

Hear our lament of pridefulness, O Lord,
for we continue to remark about the speck in our neighbor's eye
while pridefully hoping that no one notices the beam in our own.

All:



I wait-ed for the Lord, ___ who kind-ly heard ___ my cry.

Hear our lament of pridefulness, O Lord,
and help us to humbly rejoice when we learn to love,
and to cheerfully embrace the next opportunity
to become more Christlike.

All:



O, blessed ___ are they ___ whose trust is in ___ the Lord.

Silently confess your pridefulness to God.

Let us pray:

God of creation, we praise you for making us in your image. When we fix our eyes on you, we see more clearly who we are truly called to be. May your vision of our shared identity give us the courage and determination to confront the ways we are divided and harmed by racism. As we continue this Lenten journey together, open our hearts and minds to what you would have us learn, how you would have us change, and what you would have us do. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

—Prayer from *Lamenting Racism*, Rob Muthiah

Anthem

Choir

The Meditations of My Heart — Elaine Hagenberg

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ A Losing Season ”

†Hymn of Commitment 474 [see insert]

Congregation

Softly and Tenderly — THOMPSON

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Offertory Prayer

Barrett Wooten

God of overflowing abundance, you bless the earth and it brings forth food. We, who have been given so much, rejoice in our ability to aid those who are in need. As we present our offerings this day, bless these gifts, the bounty of this good land, that they may reach those who need it most. May we, who call ourselves Christ's disciples, continue to give freely of our worldly riches, just as Christ gave freely of his heavenly riches. Amen.

Offertory

Glenn Stroh

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

†Sending Forth

Steve Graham & Congregation

In Christ, we are a new creation.

In Christ, we are made anew.

In Christ, the lost are found,

In Christ, we find our true home.

In Christ, those who were dead find new life.

**In Christ, those who drank bitter dregs
are invited to God's heavenly banquet.**

In Christ, we reside with the saints.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

Glenn Stroh

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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Hymn Notes

We Pray for Peace

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Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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Fred Binder Service - Livestream

The Celebration of Fred Binder's life, from Tuesday, March 22,
can be viewed on the Royal Lane YouTube channel.

<https://bit.ly/3Ndl2rH>



Fred dictated the following statement that he asked be included in the order of worship on his passing:

“It’s been a great ride at Royal Lane, especially working with Percy, Mike Hurder, JJ and Harry Hunter. Thank you for a magnificent woman, Linda Binder.”

Guest Organist – Glenn Stroh

Glenn Stroh is an organist, harpsichordist, conductor, and music educator based in Dallas, Texas. He is currently Organist and Choirmaster at St. Mark's School of Texas, home of one of the country's preeminent boy choirs. Mr. Stroh has performed across the U.S. and Europe, including appearances as a solo artist on several historically significant instruments and as organist for international choir tours. His career as a church musician spans over two decades serving prominent music programs including Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, the historic Old Stone Church (First Presbyterian) on Cleveland's Public Square, and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral of Cleveland.

A seasoned teacher, choir trainer, and advocate for music education, he was recognized with the John H. Murrell Excellence in Teaching Award in 2017, holds certification in the Kodály method with choral emphasis through the Organization of American Kodály Educators, and has been active on music faculties for Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) summer training courses. He has also served as Director of Educational Programs and on the Executive Board for the Dallas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and maintains professional affiliation with the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM). In 2018, he was named a Lilly Foundation Scholar, leading to collaborations with church musicians and clergy as part of the Peer Learning Project in Worship and Music. Mr. Stroh holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, a Master of Music in Historical Keyboards from the Oberlin Conservatory, Ohio, and was the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship in 2009-2010 based at the Hochschule für Musik Franz Liszt in Weimar, Germany.



My Lenten Resolves

The pattern of “giving up” something for Lent has long been a symbol of penitence and personal piety during the season. This year, in concert with the Racial Justice Team initiatives we are suggesting you ADD something to your Lenten experiences that furthers your personal and corporate understanding of and response to racism.

As a prompt the Racial Justice Team will be providing thought provoking questions for you to consider, along with educational and inspirational resources; books, podcasts, articles, videos, etc. These will be listed on the Lenten Resolves page each week in the order of worship. This will be an organic “growing” list of resources which will be available on our website.

Additionally, the Racial Justice Team has been interviewing members of our congregation who were involved in early Royal Lane efforts for social and racial justice. Transcripts of these interviews will also be available each week.

Please consider these matters of the heart and soul as you journey thru this season of Lent.

Holy Week

Theme: “This Lonesome Valley”

Sunday

10:55 am

April 10 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Morning Worship — Sanctuary &
Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Friday

8:00 pm

April 15 – Good Friday

Good Friday Service – Sanctuary

8:00 pm

Children’s Good Friday Service — Vickrey Hall

Saturday

2:00 pm

April 16

Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

Sunday

8:00 am

April 17 – Easter Sunday

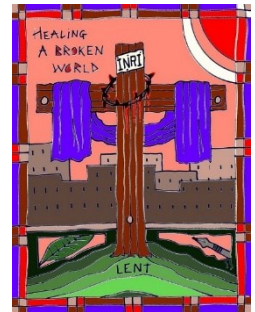
Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn

8:30 am

Easter Breakfast — Vickrey Hall

10:55 am

Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel



Prepackaged Utensils for Cornerstone Baptist Ministries

Do you have a plethora of prepackaged plastic utensil packets taking up space? During the pandemic, many of us have accumulated a lot of sealed packets of plastic utensils from take out orders. The Missions Committee would like us to put these to good use by donating them to Cornerstone Kitchen's food ministry. We are already partnered with Cornerstone with our "Holy Rollers" project. This will be an extension of that program.

Baskets for your donations of prepackaged utensils will be in the Narthex and throughout heavily trafficked areas of the church.

Royal Lane Missions Seasons of Service...Easter



Please help us make Easter special for children experiencing homelessness. We want to create 60 Easter baskets for the families served by Hope Supply. You can donate items for the Easter baskets, or money that we will use to purchase toys and other goodies to make these baskets special for these special children.

We are collecting chocolate Easter bunnies, small stuffed animals, plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy, small Easter toys, crayons / small coloring books, play doh, slime, stickers, small sports balls, hot wheels cars, card games, fun socks, bubbles, flavored chapstick, etc.

Donations will be collected in the Narthex and in Vickrey Hall

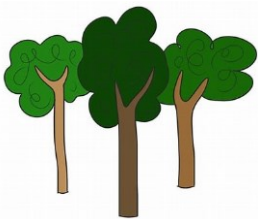
Thank you all for helping to make Easter special for our beloved community!



The Education Committee is excited to announce the return of Faith & Film at Royal Lane!

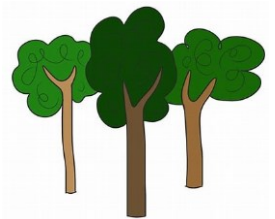
Join Us Today, March 27 at 2:00 in the Youth Portable.

Come over after you've enjoyed Tiferet Israel's Chili Cook-Off and watch the family friendly movie, **Inside Out**. We will serve popcorn and have interesting discussion on the relevant theme – Mental Health and Wellness.



Sacred Places: Come Away for Awhile and Rest

April 30, 2022. 10am-8pm
Sister Grove Farm. Van Alstyne, Texas



Just a few weeks remain for you to turn in your \$50 check to the church office (write WOC retreat in the memo line)—it will serve as your registration for our retreat!

We suspect it will be the perfect day of spiritual restoration that your body and soul needs.

What to bring: an open mind and heart, comfy clothes, and shoes for walking outside, a notebook, and a pen.

We Pray for Peace



1. We pray for peace, O God of love and jus - tice, As once a - gain, we
2. We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the wa - ters, Who stilled the storm, who
3. We pray for peace, O Spi - rit here a - mong us; Your love em - bold - ens,



face a time of war. The meek and hum - ble try, a - mid the cri - sis,
stilled dis - ci - ples' fear. You spoke with love and with a - maz - ing pow - er;
judg - es and re - strains. Take an - y hate and acts of im - pulse from us;



To love and build, to nur - ture and re - store. May lead - ers hear the
Be with us now when trou - ble is so near. May lead - ers see the
Make lead - ers wise, a - mid com - pet - ing claims. May we seek peace, O



truth the pro - phets teach us That gifts of peace are well worth strug - gling for.
mir - a - cle you of - fer, That words and deeds can calm the na - tions here.
God of love and jus - tice; May love and mer - cy be our high - est aims.

New COVID Procedures – Effective April 3, 2022

See COVID-19 Updates on the RLBC Website for information.

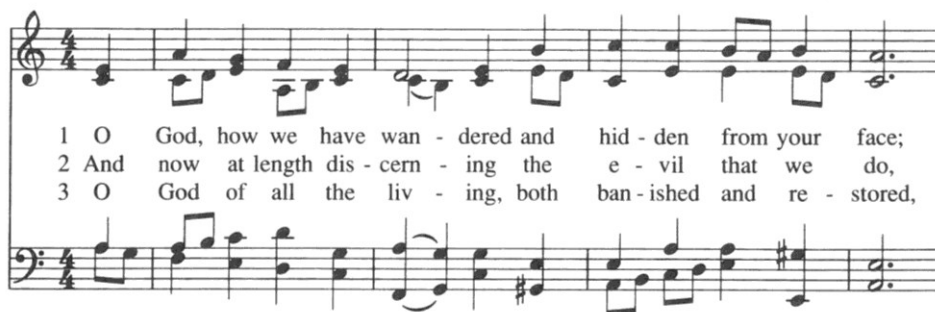
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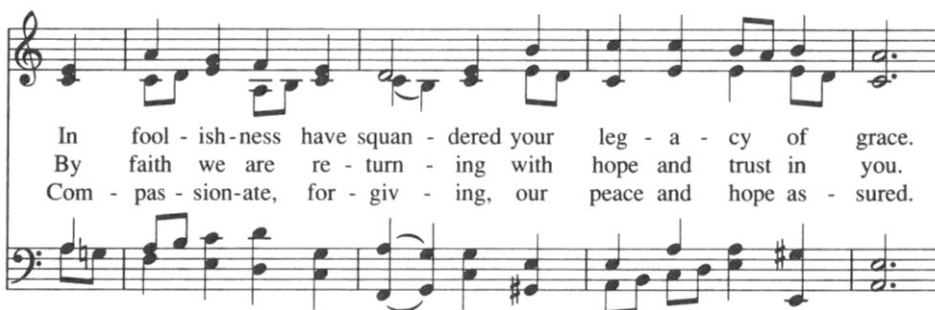
O God, How We Have Wandered

Kevin Nichols, 1980; alt.

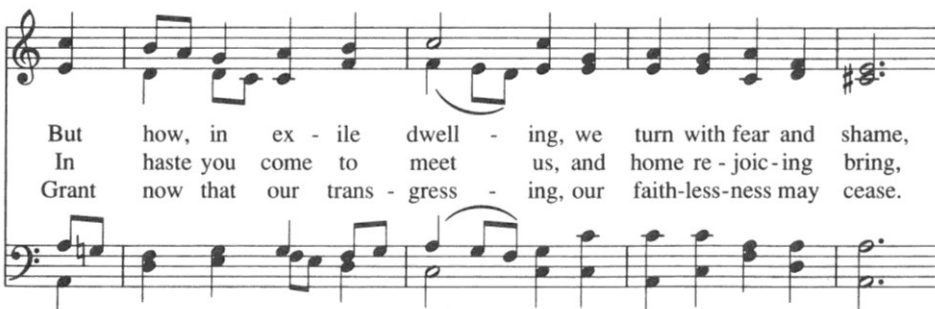
Luke 15:11-32; 2 Cor. 5:16-20



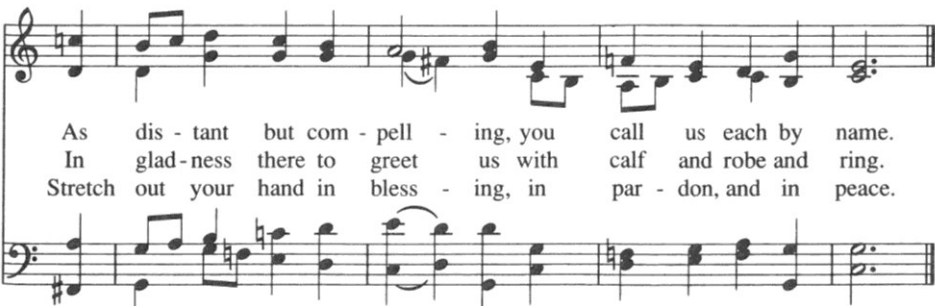
1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



In fool - ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
Com - pas - sion-ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.



But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith-less-ness may cease.



As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
In glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

1 Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley, he had to
 2 Je - sus prayed for his dis - ci - ples; he prayed a -
 3 Je - sus died on Cal - vary's moun - tain; he died a -
 4 Je - sus rose from death's dark pris - on; he lives a -

walk it by him - self; O, no - bod - y else could walk it
 lone for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could bear such
 lone for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could die for
 gain for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could bring us

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.
 sor - row; he prayed a - lone for you and me.
 sin - ners; he had to die for you and me.
 vic - tory; he is a - live to set us free.

Softly and Tenderly

Come unto Me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden . . .

— Matthew 11:28

Will L. Thompson

THOMPSON
Will L. Thompson

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part starting at the beginning and the second and third parts starting later in the piece. The lyrics are: 1 Soft-ly and ten-der-ly Je-sus is call-ing, Call-ing for 2 Why should we lin-ger when Je-sus is plead-ing, Plead-ing for 3 O for the won-der-ful love He has prom-ised, Prom-ised for 1 you and for me; Pa-tient and lov-ing, He's wait-ing and watch-ing, 2 you and for me? Why should we wait, then, and heed not His mer-cies, 3 you and for me; Tho'we have sinned He has mer-cy and par-don, 1 Watch-ing for you and for me. Come home, come home, 2 Mer-cies for you and for me? Come home come home come home, 3 Par-don for you and for me. Ye who are wea-ry, come home; Ear-nest-ly, ten-der-ly, Je-sus is call-ing— Call-ing, "O sin-ner, come home!"

The Scripture this morning is Luke 15:11-32, which may be found on page 850 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best

one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’

³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

(NRSV)

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!**

Study for Wednesday Evening

Holy Envy

Finding God in the Faith of Others

by Barbara Brown Taylor

with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+. Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

RLBC Columbarium Garden

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Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org/prayer
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Barrett Wooten

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