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Purpose Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ strives to be an inclusive community embracing: spiritual nourishment, open-minded inquiry, courageous action, and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God's calling to create a just world for all.

Congregational Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ, with God's grace, seeks to be a congregation that includes all persons, regardless of race, ethnic, or socio—economic background while respecting differences of gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, and mental and physical ability. We aspire to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. We invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our open and affirming congregation.

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Welcome to Parkway

Thank you for joining us this morning! If you are with us virtually, please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat or sending an email.

Welcome Children We invite children to full participation in worship. We also have activity bags for young children to use while they are here.

Bell Rung During Lord's Prayer A tradition begun when farmers working in surrounding fields would stop their work and join in prayer.



Scripture Reader Ashley Milam.

Consider signing up to read scripture this spring or summer by scanning QR code.

Flowers given by Linda Tossing in recognition of the Church Council. Please consider honoring, remembering or celebrating someone by providing flowers for worship. Signup on the poster on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

Subscribe to our email lists Sign up at www.parkwayucc.org

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Mental Health Support

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text) 24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK) | 800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433 24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760 Text 741741 and someone will text right back...www.crisistextline.org Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713 The numbers below are called Warmlines (not Hotlines). They are peer run by people with lived experience. Not all of them are 24/7/365 Teen Warm Line: 1 800-248-8336 Black Warm Line: 1-800-604-5841 (They are divested from the police) Trans Warm Line: 1-877-565-8860 Project Return Warm Line: 1-800-448-9777 (run away) Learn more about warm lines: https://warmline.org/warmdir.html

Birthdays

07/28 Chase Waddell 07/29 Sarah Stolze 07/30 Marion Pleis 08/01 Steffanie Rauscher 08/02 Helen Scheffel 08/03 Robert Frazier 08/03 Brian Waddell

Anniversaries

07/28 Julie & Mark Harms 08/02 Jennifer & Curt Woodson

10th Sunday *after* **Pentecost**

Sunday, July 28, 2024 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Worship service this Sunday is based off of the UCC Book of Worship

Prelude *Walk With the Master* – by Lani Smith, ©MCMXCVI Lorenz Publishing Co.

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Meditation Justice is loving and serving others for long-term change.

*Call to Worship

One: Morning has broken. Let us give thanks for the gift of life and for the presence of the Holy One among us. Let us worship God together.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

*Hymn of Adoration All Things Bright and Beautiful | #267 Red Hymnal



Introit *Jesus Calls Us* – words by James E. Clemens and David Wright / Music by James E. Clemens, ©2006 James E. Clemens and David Wright

Jesus calls us: "Come follow me, Come follow, follow, follow, come follow me." Jesus calls us: "Come follow me, Come follow, follow, follow, follow me." "Bring your burdens: Come follow me... "Rise and walk now: Come follow me... "Seek the kindom: Come follow me...

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One.

We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One.

Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silence

All:

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ

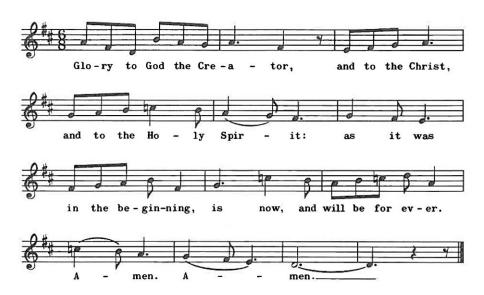
"May the peace of Christ be with you." (We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

Psalm Reading Psalm 23 | New Revised Standard Version The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

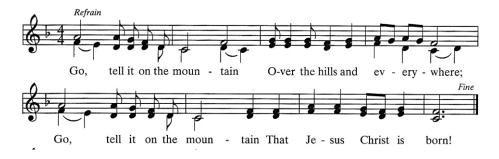
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

*Gloria



Children's Time For children under the age of 3, parents are invited to take them to Room 01 (upper level) where one of our teachers will meet them at the door. Children from age 3 to 5th grade can follow one our teachers down to Room 12 (lower level), and youth from 6th to 12th grade can follow a teacher to Room 15 (also lower level). For children in Room 01, parents please pick them up after worship. Children and youth from age 3 thru high school can be met in the Gather Space just outside the Sanctuary after worship, as the teachers will bring them back upstairs after class.

Blessing the Children Go, Tell It on the Mountain | #29 Red Hymnal



Reading of Scripture

Epistle Lesson Listen for the word of God in 1 John | NRSV We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Here ends the Epistle lesson.

Gospel Lesson Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John | NRSV "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as God knows me and I know God. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason God loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from God."

This is the good news.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

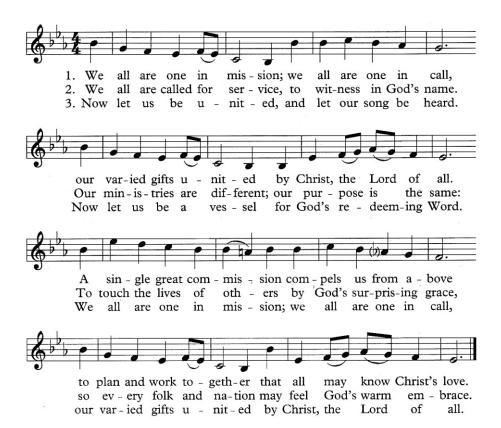
Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith UCC Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his

passion and victory. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Hymn We All Are One in Mission | #2243 Blue Songbook



Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

One: Holy Spirit, our Comforter, Many: Receive our prayers.

Lord's Prayer

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] **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.

[A variety of names for God are welcome here - including in the Lord's Prayer.]

UCC Justice Moment

1972: Ordination of first openly gay minister

The UCC's Golden Gate Association ordains the first openly gay person as a minister in a mainline Protestant denomination: the Rev. William R. Johnson. In the following three decades, General Synod urges equal rights for homosexual citizens and calls on congregations to welcome gay, lesbian and bisexual members.

Announcements of the Church

Offering Our Gifts to God

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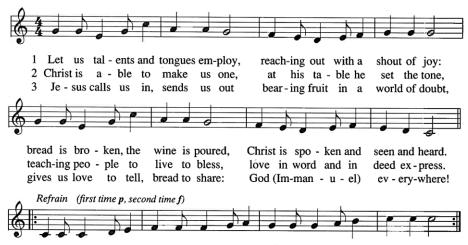
If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the stand next to the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are offering plates in the Gathering Space outside the sanctuary too. Thank you for your generosity.

Offering Interlude *David's Harp* – by Stan Pethel, ©2017 Lorenz Publishing Co., a division of The Lorenz Corporation.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, the Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

*Hymn Let us Talents and Tongues Employ | #514 Red Hymnal



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

*Commissioning and Benediction

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

*God's Light Goes Forth

*Music for Going Forth *Praise to the Almighty God* – by David Paxton, ©2017 Lorenz Publishing Co., a division of The Lorenz Corporation.



Announcements

Please use the form at **www.parkwayucc.org/communications** for all announcements for our media. Bulletin and eNews deadline: noon Monday.

July Council Highlights

Here are the Council updates for July 2024:

- The 2024-25 Council will meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday. The Council welcomed Stan Burcham. Stan will serve as Vice President - Financial Oversight and chair the Finance Committee.
- The Council received everyone's responses from the Town Hall. Thank you! These responses are being collated and will be presented.
- One Church Training for Council, Commissions and Committees is scheduled for August 25 after worship. More details to follow.
- The Safety Team is now investigating adding more cameras to the building exterior.

The Upper Room Small Group

Wednesday, July 31 | 1-2pm | Gathering Space

Come as you are and take part in our Upper Room Small Group. We'll be following The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide once a week on Wednesday afternoons. Pretty laid back with some guided questions to help stir the spirit. Copies of the devotional are available for free in the Gathering Space. This will be a weekly event on Wednesdays. We would love to have you! For more info, contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org.

Adventurous Men Out Early

Adventurous Men Out Early (AMOE) gather this Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 9:15 AM in the Heritage Room for coffee and pastries, along with lively chitchat. All are welcome.

Questions: Contact Richard Scherrer, 313.993.5210 or 90fivetpr@gamil.com

Intertwine Interfaith Game Night

Saturday, August 3 | 6:30-8:30pm | TASOM - 664 Lemay Ferry Rd 63125 We would like to invite you and your family members to our Interfaith Game Night! Not only will we have fun playing some games together with friends from different religious and cultural background, but we'll also enjoy a discussion about how our faiths view joy, family time, and recreation.

Feel free to bring some halal/kosher snack to share and/or game to play. We will also have an option to learn mahiongg (popular with

will also have an option to learn manjongg (popular with many Jewish friends) and backgammon (popular in Turkey). Children are welcome; bring a favorite board game!

Please scan the QR code to RSVP by July 31 so we know how many people to expect!



Please join us at this fun event to nurture our friendship and love for one another.

Speaker Series Occasional opportunities after worship at 11:15am "Personal Stories about Living with Blindness," by Jenny Carmack

and Richie. August 4 | 11:15am | Heritage Room

Jenny Carmack is a National Federation of the Blind first vice president and president of the Lewis and Clark National Federation of the Blind Chapter for St. Louis. Among other things, Jenny has run summer camps for blind kids for a number of years at Parkway Church.

People misunderstand the disability called blindness and perceive things from the perspective of: "This is how I would do it" and just don't understand that people who are blind, given the opportunity to be properly trained and have access to resources, can do most everything that anyone else can do — except see.

Join Jenny and her student and friend, Richie, as they share their stories about living with blindness, dispel stereotypes, ask for empathy and understanding, but not pity, and advocate for accessibility and inclusion at home, at work, and in the community.

All programs start following worship service at 11:15am in the Heritage Room. Please contact Richard Scherrer for any questions or comments 90fivetpr@gmail.com

Tuesday Afternoon Dialogue – August 6

1st & 3rd Tuesday | 1:45pm fellowship | 2:00-3:00pm discussion Zoom Link (312) 626-6799; Meeting ID: 836 7061 7428; Passcode: 480007 You are invited to stop in on Zoom on August 6th and join in on discussing TAD's first book for the 24/25 year, Somehow: Thoughts on Love by Anne Lamott. Fellowship and social time starts at 1:45, and we'll start the book discussion at 2. Typically, there are 6-10 people in the discussion. Whether or not you've ever participated in a book discussion group before, this group is for you. We'd love to have you. We'll discuss the first 5 chapters on August 6th, and finish the book on August 20th.

From Penguin Random House: "Love is our only hope," Anne Lamott writes in this perceptive new book. "It is not always the easiest choice, but it is always the right one, the noble path, the way home to safety, no matter how bleak the future looks."

"In Somehow: Thoughts on Love, Lamott explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward. "Love just won't be pinned down," she says. "It is in our very atmosphere" and lies at the heart of who we are. We are, Lamott says, creatures of love.

Somehow is Anne Lamott's twentieth book, and in it she draws from her own life and experience to delineate the intimate and elemental ways that love buttresses us in the face of despair as it galvanizes us to believe that tomorrow will be better than today. Full of the compassion and humanity that have made Lamott beloved by millions of readers, Somehow is classic Anne Lamott: funny, warm, and wise."

Contact Jackie Eiffert for more information: jeiffert2@gmail.com

An Afternoon of Friendship and Community West County

Interfaith Alliance Party in the Park

Sunday, Aug. 11 | 2-4pm | Creve Coeur Lake Park - Greensfelder Pavilion Gather with our interfaith friends from across West County for watermelon, cookies, popsicles and shade sitting or lawn games. Join us as we continue to build friendship and community in the county. It is clear that we need to focus on loving our neighbors now more than ever.

Questions? Contact Kevin Cameron ~ kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Day Mission Trip—STL Area Foodbank

Saturday, Aug. 17 and 24 | 8am-12pm | 70 Corporate Woods Drive Parkway is doing a new thing! For our mission trip this year, we are offering

volunteer opportunities with Saint Louis Area Foodbank on the Saturdays of Aug. 17 and 24 from 8am-12pm. We have 10 slots reserved for PUCC, but they fill up<u>fast</u>, so if you're committed to UCC's value of **SERVICE**, scan the QR code to sign-up *today or visit* at stlfoodbank.org for one, or both, of those dates. For more info, contact Gabriel R. gabriel@parkwayucc.org.



Osler Piano Quintet

Sunday Aug. 18 | 1:30-3pm | New Sanctuary

You are invited to attend the Osler Piano Quintet, a classical music quintet consisting of Violin, viola, cello, bass & piano. They are playing for free but they will accept donations which will be evenly split between the church and Saint Louis Children's Choir.

Some of the pieces they will play are: Piano Quintet No. 1, Op. 30 *Louise Farrenc,* Piano Quintet in A Major, D. 667 *"Trout" Quintet* by Franz Schubert. For more information, contact Kathy Ferrell kathy@parkwayucc.org

Coffee and Conversation

Monday, August 19 | 2pm | Panera 13275 Manchester Rd, Des Peres Join us for a beverage and sweet treat. Come connect! No need to RSVP - just show up! Questions? Contact kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Festival of Nations Multicultural Celebration

August 24-25 | Tower Grove Park

Save the date and join the community for a celebration of music, flavors, art and culture from around the world!

The Festival of Nations is a highlight event in St. Louis and is powered by the support of hundreds of volunteers. This event is free and open to the whole community, and volunteers are vital to this multicultural celebration! By volunteering, you'll have the opportunity to support the Festival of Nations and International Institute, and enjoy the event for yourself!

Volunteers at the festival are the ones who make the event happen! Over 400 volunteers make the event come to life. With your help, Festival of Nations truly is an event where everyone is welcome. https://festofnations.com/volunteer

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Prayer Corner An opportunity to pray with someone

Tuesday, August 27 | 8-10am | New Sanctuary

Drop-in Prayer Time. Kevin will be in the Prayer Corner in the Sanctuary. Come on by if you'd like to pray together.

If you see someone else there, simply wait a bit in the Gathering Space. We can arrange a phone call or Zoom for another time if you'd like. Just reach out to me at kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-872-9330

Another Isaiah 58 Opportunity

Back to School, Sunday, Sept. 1

As in past years, Parkway is participating in Isaiah 58's Back-to-School program. We were asked to donate 160 boxes of 12-count colored pencils, and if possible, 160 boxes of 10-count washable markers. If you are shopping and see school supplies (especially on Tax-Free weekend) please consider purchasing some boxes. Also, Isaiah 58 gives out new underwear with the school supplies, so we will have a collection box for those as well. Contact Sally Dodge s.dodge@hotmail.com

HOLD THE DATE

The annual Fall Business Meeting of the St. Louis Association will be held on October 5, 2024 beginning with a continental breakfast at 8am. The formal meeting will begin with worship at 9am at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 826 Union Blvd.; Saint Louis 63108-1040; Phone: (314) 367-8173; pilgrim826@sbcglobal.net ; http://www.pilgrimucc-stl.org; Pastor Kevin Anthony

Prayer List Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Celebrations

All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far. Sharon Thiemann - successful cancer treatment (Svenson/Litzinger). Doug & BJ Forster - 50th anniversary July 24 (Gail Haack's brother). Debbie Reinhardt and Karen Mariani - PUCC new members!

Concerns

Evelyn Buretta - preparing for breast cancer surgery on July 25. Mike Rogers - preparing for cardiac ablation procedure on July 30. Gail Haack - figuring out meds and dealing with treatment challenges. Marion Pleis - strengthening after recent back procedure. Shara Storm - undergoing treatments for cancer (Stifel). Political violence in the US - including Trump assassination attempt. The continuing war in Ukraine. War in the Mideast - Israel and Hamas..., ceasefire talks in progress.

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Rocco Stolze and family - healing from gender affirming surgery. Chris Zoller - strengthening after recent surgery.

Kathleen Tarr - completed outpatient psychiatric treatment program. **David Smith** - receiving palliative care at home (Deb Carter's father). Martha Rosenberger - treatments for cancer (Cassie's mother). Stephanie - healing from brain surgery (Nick/Sue McMillon's daughter) John Force & family - healing after race car crash (McKenzie). Jan Rothman - strengthening at Surrey Place (Lisa Duke's mother). Kari Borgmann - her mom turned 100 this spring; health issues. Rene Pelligrino and family - as she deals with multiple health issues. **Rebecca Ray** - that her book on suicide prevention will be published. Mike Kolman - healing and discerning his future care (Svenson). Gram Ruth Hughes - Lymphoma; receiving hospice care (Schneider). Seger Ruiz - paralyzed from car accident (John and Joyce Ruiz). Joseph Miller - long road to healing (son of Deb Carter). Nelson Spencer - continued treatment for multiple issues (Svenson). Cherie & Mike Stolze and family - her chronic health challenges. Bill & Nancy Darland - his ongoing health issues. Gail, Bill and Christopher Haack - chronic health challenges. **Theresa** - surgery/treatment/recovery - aggressive cancer (Schwarz).

Home-Centered/Care Facility/Rehab Center

Marv Herpel - Brookdale West County; 785 Henry Ave, #217; Ballwin, MO 63011; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3] Pat Klein - Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood; 251 Plaza Dr, #325; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: September 21] Bill Klein - Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood; 251 Plaza Dr. #104; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: March 8] John Nourse The Village at Cape Albeon: 3300 Lake Bend Dr. #166; Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26] Ruth Peace - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: August 8] Naomi Runtz - 272 N Lindbergh Blvd; StL MO 63141; 34-993-0469 naomiruntz@sbcglobal.net [birthdate: August 30] Glady Sims - Friendship Village - 15200 Village View Dr, #2418; Chesterfield, MO 63017; 636-898-8873 [birthdate: July 4] David Smith - Anthology of Town & Country: 1020 Woods Mill Rd; #310; St Louis, MO 63017; 636-200-5076 [birthdate: July 24] Judy Waddell - 13510 Weston Park Dr; STL, MO 63131; 314-312-1129 [birthdate: August 13] Pinky Wilcoxen - Delmar Gardens Creve Coeur; 850 Country Manor Ln; #132; Creve Coeur, MO 63141; 314-434-5900 [birthdate: April 7]

Other

Jones-Goldstein Family as they grow - baby girl due in October! Gerry and Mike Rogers - great-grandson *Myles* due in August. Pres Biden, VP Harris, Congress, all local, national, world leaders. The "me too" Movement - shining a light on sexual abuse. All people who live with mental illness & those dealing with meds. Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.

PUCC Family struggling with employment; healthcare costs and limits. Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC Gun violence and other violence across the US and other lands. Conversations about the Death Penalty in the United States. Victims of Natural and Created Disasters around the world. Healing of relationships between the public and the police. Peace and Justice near and far. US Militage around the globa

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