

A worship bulletin  
for Sunday March 29, 2020  
with Barboursville First UMC

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I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me will live,  
even though they die.

– John 11:25

Cover Text: John 11:25

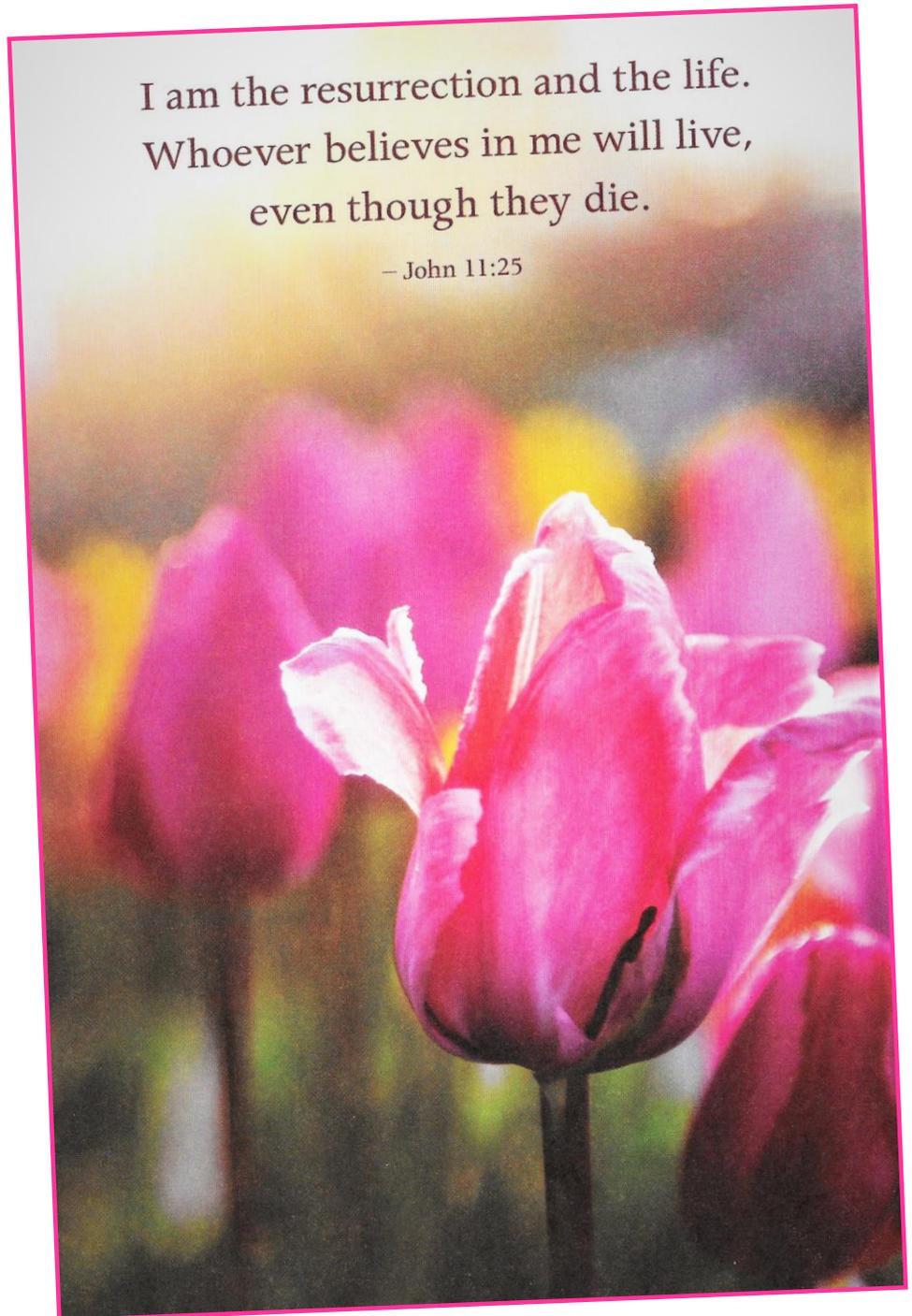
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Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29, 2020: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;

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**Prayer**

for Lent

UMH268

O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Ezekiel 37:1-6

NRSV

**37** The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

**Hymn 269**

"Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days"

verses 2-3

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873

MUSIC: USA folk melody

2. As thou with Satan didst contend,  
and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight,  
in thee to conquer sin.
  
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,  
so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live  
by thy most holy word.

**Prayer**

For God's Gifts

UMH489

O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness,  
courage for my fear, hope for my despair.  
O Loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion,  
forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.  
O God of Peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil,  
joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.  
O Generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts.  
Amen.

## **Scripture Reading**

Ezekiel 37:7-14

NRSV

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'" <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

## **Hymn 269**

"Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days"

verses 4-5

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873

MUSIC: USA folk melody

4. And through these days of penitence,  
and through thy passiontide,  
yea, evermore in life and death,  
Jesus, with us abide.
  
5. Abide with us, that so, this life  
of suff'ring over past,  
an Easter of unending you  
we may attain at last.

## **Prayer**

God our Father,  
we pray that the message of your Son will dwell richly among us,  
as we teach and admonish one another with the wisdom you give,  
and sing with thankfulness in our hearts to you.

And whatever we do, in word or deed,  
may it be done in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and for his glory. Amen

## **Sung Response 471**

"Move Me"

(sung twice)

WORDS & MUSIC: Richard Alan Henderson, 1978

Move me, move me; move me to do thy will.  
Move me, move me; move me to do thy will.

## A WORD FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

### Scripture Reading Romans 8:6-11

**NRSV** <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

<sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

↑ *(Compare this 'standard' translation with a 'modern interpretation')* →

**THE MESSAGE** <sup>5-8</sup>Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.

<sup>9-11</sup>But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

### Special Music

#### Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-45

NRSV

<sup>11</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

<sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen

asleep, he will be all right.”<sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.<sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”<sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.<sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.<sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.<sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

**Sermon**     *(take your notes here! Or doodle. Either way, share a picture with the pastor!)*

**Hymn 420**

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

**“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

UMH420

MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.
  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.
  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.
  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offering**

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**Sung Response 95**

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

UMH95

MUSIC: Trad. English melody

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Sending Forth**

Jesus went into the wilderness  
***To draw closer to God. To get ready.***

Jesus overcame temptation  
***By relying on God's Holy Spirit.***

May we draw closer to God in this Lenten season  
***And may we lean on the Holy Spirit.***

## **Hymn 152**

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715

"I Sing th'Almighty Power of God"

UMH152

MUSIC: Trad. English melody

1. I sing th'almighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where-e'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
wile all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

## **Dismissal With Blessing**

## **Postlude**

"Fling Wide the Gates"

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**END OF FORMAL WORSHIP**

**BEGINNING OF SERVICE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Don't Forget** to participate in Lenten "acts of kindness"! Email us what you've done, and we'll record your acts on olive leaves and grow our Lenten tree. Let's get our tree flourishing!

Email your acts of kindness to [FirstChurchBville@gmail.com](mailto:FirstChurchBville@gmail.com).

**Want (virtual) Easter Flowers?** We have always done live Easter flowers, but this year we're just not sure we can offer live flowers, so we'll offer **virtual** flowers. You can email the church (subject: Easter Flowers) with a dedication or memorial. We'll print that dedication in the Easter bulletin (\$5 per dedication) and can provide an e-card or US postal card in return. Checks can be mailed to the church PO box as listed above.

**ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

*Our calendar is so different as we are in an oft-changing state of lockdown. Nevertheless, Sunday worship can be viewed at [Facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV) and we're experimenting with a computer group meeting program called **Zoom**. Zoom allows a group discussion in a closed setting. People can participate with or without video chat on their computers or smart phones, and can even phone in with a "regular" phone.*

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**    **9:18 am** **Morning Coffee** (on your own)  
                                 **9:45 am** **Adult Sunday School** zoom  
                                 **Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/153201454>  
                                 Telephone: 301 715-8592    **Meeting ID:** 153 201 454  
                                 **11:00 am** **Morning Worship** at [Facebook.com/FUMCWV](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCWV)

**Sunday April 5:** Palm Sunday. Worship service with Holy Communion.

**Sunday April 12:** Resurrection Sunday (Easter). Worship service with Holy Communion.  
Stay tuned to learn about how we might celebrate this holiest of days.

**PRAYER REQUESTS March 29, 2020**

**Please remember the following people with prayers,**

**Names are carried on this list for the calendar month.** Requests and changes can be reported in writing on worship prayer request cards or by calling the church office. All prayer cards must be dated and signed by the person who is sharing the information. Thank you for your ministry of intercessory prayer.

**NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING**

Virginia Chapman, Midland Meadows	Calvin Phillips
Charles Gerwig, Huntington Health & Rehab	Heritage

**HEALTH NEEDS**

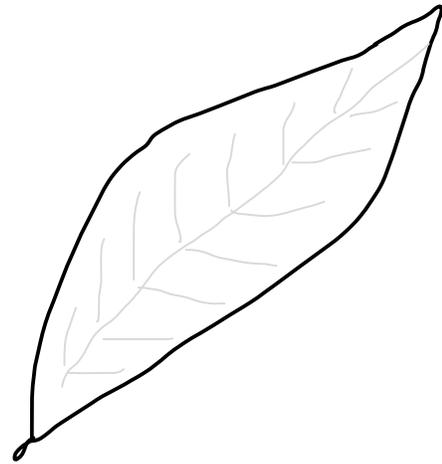
Sara Alexander	Ginger Chapman	Rachel Cobb	Allen Diamond
Valerie Flesher	Mary Gerwig	Bernice Hesson	Winona Holbrook
Jim Mannon	Beryl Myers	Jim Myers	Ann Reed
Robin Reed	Linda Reid	Leo Savilisky	Marilyn Savilisky
Millie Smith	Naomi Sparks	Sally Wells	

**OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball	DS Okey Harless	The United Methodist Church	
President Trump	our First Responders	Boedy Higson	Lushie Preece
Cindy Stickler	Triplett Family	Sarah Clay	Pat Lawrence
Bettina Doyle	Marianne Russell-Herr	Shane Summers	Carey Hasty
Rich & Donna Oderwald	Jack Day	Ashley Sinclair	Rick Clark
Sherry Hickey	Debbie Jackson	Corky Martin	Hannah Caserta
Joanie LaRosa	Ann Hash Nelson	Luke White	Ann Handley
Martha Spaulding	Larry Clark	Lanny Adkins	Michelle Sinclair
Tommy Fife	Allen Bleigh	Brittany McComas	Ron White
Becky Wilson	Patsy McComas	Sonny Rice	Axl Colt Barber
Belinda Amos	Aunt May	Lilly Heath-Massey	Robin Darby
Bobby Sinclair	Mark Horwich	Brad Caserta	Roger Ray
Ricky Chapman	David McComas	Rusty Bowling	Brandy Facemyer
Flohouse family	Barb Ellis	Mary Alice & Rockie Holbrook	
Unspoken	the pandemic	Pastors and congregations in transition	

*This Lent, First Church invites you to grow in kindness and to share your growth. Take a few "leaves," and when you do an act of kindness during the week, record it on one side. Then return the leaves to First Church and place them in the offering plate. Watch our kindness grow!*

Record an ACT OF KINDNESS on this olive leaf and return to church  
(or email [FirstChurchBville@gmail.com](mailto:FirstChurchBville@gmail.com) to tell your acts of kindness)



Some "completed" acts of kindness:

Posted on 3/8

Used Amazon to send medication to someone in need

*Helped an elderly woman on the bus*

Gave directions to a lost person

*Prayed for a hurting friend*

Sat with a family going through a difficult time

*Helped a neighbor move some chairs*

Filled in for a sick friend

Some "completed" acts of kindness:

Posted on 3/15

Cooked dinner for a friend / extended family member

*Offered assistance to a stranger in a parking lot*

Visited a friend in assisted living

*Sent flowers to someone after surgery*

Changed a battery in a hard-to-reach smoke detector

*Paid a phone bill for somebody*

Filled in as a sub for a friend

*Tidied the neighbor's lawn*

Some "completed" acts of kindness:

Posted on 3/22

Picked up school lunches for kids

*Gave away toilet paper (!)*

Made cupcakes for a shut-in

*Delivered food to a family in need*

Reached out to a family that was moving in

*Drove a friend to an appointment*

Bought clothing for the homeless

*Changed a flat tire for somebody*

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