

Columbia United Church Of Christ

June 7, 2026
"Trinity Sunday"



CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression, or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality, or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status, or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal, or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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Of Christ**



June 7, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"O LORD, our God, how majestic is
Your name in all the earth!"-Psalm 8:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"

*Connie Loveless
Arr. Don Wyrzten*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 8)

Llona Weiss

O LORD, our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
Your glory shines through the heavens and encompasses the earth.

**The moons and the stars proclaim God's Creative Wisdom;
The heavens, the works of God's fingers, bring reverence and awe!**

What are we, O God; simple human beings, simple creatures.
Yet You are mindful of us; You care for us, crowning us with honor.

**You have made us as Your Creation partners and servants,
Given us dominion over Your works to care and protect.**

Birds of the air, fish of the sea, sheep and oxen, beasts of the field;
All God's Creation is given to us to be stewards of it.

**Praise God who comes to us in the midst of that Creation;
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; One God, evermore!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

**God of triune majesty; You come to us in many ways: Creator,
Redeemer, Sustainer and so much more. Even in the messiness of
our every day human lives, You come to us every day in ways we
often do not understand. Forgive us our confusion, our fears, our
hesitancy. Forgive our blindness when we fail to recognize Your
presence in our midst. We know that we are all created in Your
diverse image, loving God; help us to always live into that
multiplicity. Remind us to always be loving, reflecting Your
diverse image. We ask these prayers in Jesus' name; Amen.**

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

The parables of Creation remind us of God's diversity reflected in all of Creation; as well as God's presence with us. But even when we fail to understand God's call to embrace diversity, God still loves, encourages and guides us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus!

I have decided to follow Jesus!

No turning back; No turning back!

Mission Moment

Strengthen the Church

Keith Birkes

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:26-31

Llona Weiss

In the first parable of Creation, God creates humanity of every gender identity (not exclusively male and female) in God's pluralistic image and gives them stewardship of all God has created. God was pleased with what They created, and called it good.

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

Llona Weiss

As Jesus prepares to leave his disciples and ascend to heaven, he hints at the divine chorus of the Trinity, emphasizing the Father (Creator), Son (Redemer), and the Holy Spirit (Sustainer). By naming himself in this chorus, he is emphasizing this divine union and the multiplicity of God.

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Anthem

“Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Piano Duet, Connie Loveless & Mike Pierson

Sermon

“Swamps and Twilight”

Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

As we gather around this table, celebrating God’s diversity reflected in our Creation, we remember that this is Jesus’ table, not ours; and everyone is invited when Christ is the host. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome to join us for this feast of remembrance.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, & Invocation

Blessing the Children “Creator God, Creating Still”

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We see Jesus most clearly through this sacrament; and as we do so, we wish to share our blessings with our children. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

You will be invited to come forward via the center aisle to receive Communion from the Communion Stewards. There is gluten free bread and grape juice available; please ask your communion steward and they will assist.

Communion Music

Gina Pierson

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of awesome power, we thank You for this meal through which we remember Your diverse creation and Jesus’ ministry with us. We thank You for Your Holy Spirit that calls the church into being. Now we gather together as one church, uniting in the prayer Jesus taught us:

*The LORD’S Prayer

(sung by the Congregation)

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.

Sharing our Announcements

Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

*To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*

*Prayer of Dedication

Llona Weiss

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community and the world, we dedicate these gifts. For the ways this offering will help us be witnesses to God's love and compassion, we dedicate these gifts. Let this offering and the works of our hands and feet give empowerment to all we stand for as Your community of faith. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

***Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!***

Postlude

Gina Pierson

***CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's Children;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach***

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Llona Weiss
Song Leader:	Mike Pierson
Ushers:	Keith & Deborah Birkes
Greeters:	John & Brenda Muench
Technology:	Brent Marcks & Lorry Dreier
Council Stewards:	Aimee Andersen & Jerry Kiesling

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader:	Pat Forward
Song Leader:	Mike Pierson
Ushers:	Phillip Neale & Llona Weiss
Greeters:	Sue Ann Schaefer
Technology:	Josh Muench & Adam Veteto
Council Stewards:	Mahree Skala & Ashley Ramirez

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NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

OUR OPEN AND AFFIRMING JOURNEY - 6/14

Next Sunday, during the 9:00 a.m. hour, Ashley Ramirez and Pastor Rick will be offering a presentation on how far this church has come on our Open and Affirming journey over the past seven years! This is a presentation we have made at a workshop in St. Louis, and wanted to share it with you. Come along!

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT DOUGLASS PARK - 6/19

June 19 is the anniversary of the end of the institution of legal enslavement; and every year that anniversary is commemorated at Douglass Park. This year, CUCC will have a booth! Come join us any time from 8:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. for the festivities. If you would like to help staff the booth, talk to Pastor Rick.

JUNETEENTH PARADE - 6/20

The annual Juneteenth parade will be Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m. on Broadway from Hitt Street to 4th. Come celebrate with your community!

THE BIBLE MEETS BROADWAY - 6/21

On June 21, during the 9:00 a.m. hour, the Rev. Jackie Asher, a retired United Methodist pastor, will be offering a whimsical musical reflection on Biblical couples and how they relate to popular Broadway showtunes! This will be a fun trip down memory lane for anyone who likes showtunes. Check it out!

SAVE THE DATE - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7/14 & 7/15

Get ready to blast off! This year's Vacation Bible School will be out of this world. Save the date for Tuesday July 14 and Wednesday, July 15 for two days full of cosmic Christian fun. Registration information for helpers and attendees is in the Friday email, and on our website. Questions? Ask Jessica Lucas.

GUEST SUMMER MUSICIANS

While the Celebration Singers and Chapel Ringers take their summer break, we are looking for those who would love to share their talent and time with us. If you are interested but don't have a date or song in mind, reach out to Mike Pierson. *(Reminder- worship time will remain at 10:30 a.m. this summer!)*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	6/7	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
		Mayan Ministries (Chiapas) Presentation	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Women's Fellowship Trip	12:00 p.m.
Tue	6/9	Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
		Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	5:30 p.m.
Thu	6/11	Worship & Music Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Sun	6/14	<i>Open and Affirming Sunday</i>	
		Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
		ONA Journey Presentation	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The joy of new birth! Oliver James Furney... born 5/23!

Edie, Aimee, and their family... on the death of Edie's Sister, Marna
Kenny Holtgrewe... recovering from surgery (Marsha Posz's father)

Mary Jane Johnson... health issues (Joe Remeika's Sister)

Shirley Gallaher... recovering from hip replacement

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism including:

Owen Ramsingh and family,

The family of Renee Good, The family of Alex Pretti,
Jack and Claudia (Pastor Rick's friends), and so many others

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

Health Issues:

Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchoff, Glenn Duermeyer, Evie Marcks,
Fred Wilke (Alethea's Father), Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter),
Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents),

Karleen Martindale (Kasper's Mother),

Mark & Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link;

Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's Cousin);

Marilyn Coronado & Beverly Wilcox (Corinne Remeika's friends)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, Kieran Armstrong, Jen Siebert

Living in Care Facilities:

Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Julie Roper

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Walter & Patty Schroeder

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

Garrett Holtgrewe... (Marsh Posz's Nephew)

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Chloe & Mark Eveler, Kristin & Adam Veteto

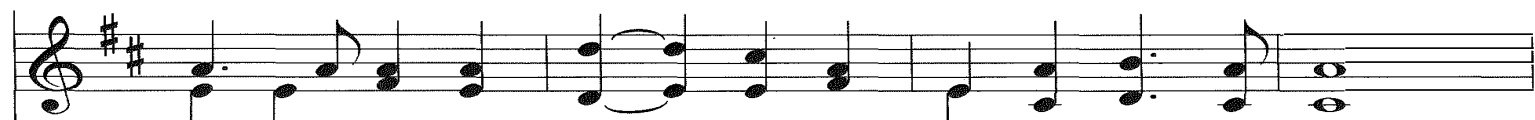
*If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request
for our team to lift up please contact*

*Melba Shaffer (573) 474-2997 melbamaes@gmail.com
or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 tsoncasie@aol.com*

4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



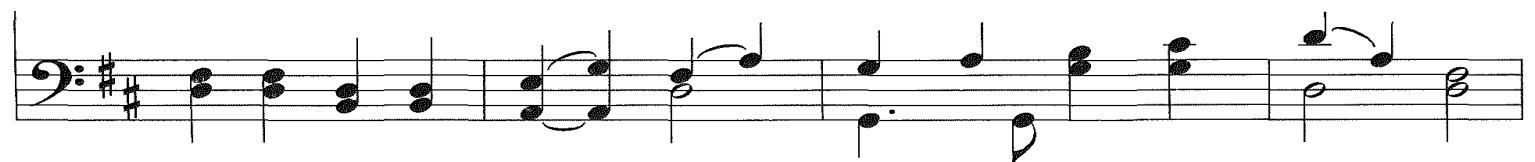
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee;
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y;



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 God ev - er - liv - ing, through e - ter - ni - ty.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Gen. 2:7; John 10:11-16

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987

1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped
 2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made
 3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -
 4 Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -

flame and hov - ering dove, Breath of life and voice of
 flesh, love cru - ci - fied, Teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering
 yond all thought's re - call, Fount of wis - dom, womb of
 vid - ed and di - verse, Deep - er than our minds can

proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love: Give to
 ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: In your
 mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: As you
 fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse: Help us

those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing
 tend - ing may all pas - tors* learn and live a
 know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the
 in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

*Where appropriate, "ministers" may be substituted for "pastors."

COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION, AND INSTALLATION

of your grace; Send them forth as bold a -
 shep - herd's care; Grant them cour - age and com -
 church ex - alts O - ver - see its life stead -
 to pro - claim, That our min - is - tries u -

pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
 pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
 fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.
 nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

A gift from Carl P. Daw, Jr., to Episcopal colleague Jeffery Rowthorn for his consecration as bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Connecticut, this text calls on the Triune God to aid and bless the person being ordained in his or her ministry.

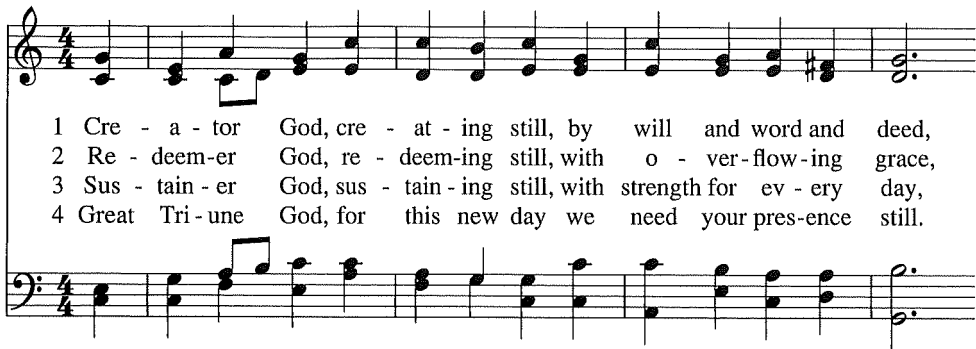
Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
 Rowland H. Prichard, 1844
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
 Alternate tune: JEFFERSON

Creator God, Creating Still

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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow - ing grace,
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.
Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708

Genesis 1:26-31

26 Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

29 God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SENT FORTH IN LOVE



How can we follow the Spirit to bless emerging ministries in the United Church of Christ? Through the Strengthen the Church Offering you support the formation of new congregations and the renewal of existing ones, fund new programs for youth and young adults and sponsor leadership development for the whole church.

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HERE**



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BEYOND**

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Missouri Mid-South Conference

“Why Pride?”

As we move into the month of June, you are going to be hearing a lot about Pride; especially from the Queer Community, but also from the Black Community as we recognize Juneteenth. “Gay Pride” and “Juneteenth” are opportunities to celebrate people who have been historically disenfranchised; but some may inquire as to the importance of these observances. Isn’t setting some people apart from others the opposite of what Jesus calls us to do in his prayer for unity in the Garden of Gethsemane?

Well, no. When Jesus calls for unity, he is not talking about homogeneity- that is, pretending that everyone is exactly the same. In fact, Jesus’ prayer for unity is about everyone having the faith that is exemplified in Jesus’ ministry- that is, love for one another. If we live as Jesus lived, we will be united as one. But we won’t all be exactly the same. To truly be united is to recognize each other’s diversity and lift them up as examples of God’s magnificent Creation.

Pride Month originated out of oppression, following the events of the June 28, 1969, Stonewall Rebellion, where a cadre of “secret” police officers raided the Stonewall Inn. Over 200 members of the Queer Community were assaulted in that raid, and two dozen were arrested. A crowd of supporters gathered that evening and in the days that followed, protesting the oppression and supporting those who had been assaulted. The following year, on June 28, 1970, the first “Pridefest” was held in Greenwich to commemorate the Stonewall Rebellion. The following June, in 1971, there were Pridefest celebrations in Boston, Dallas, Milwaukee, London, Paris, Berlin, and Stockholm; all recognizing the Stonewall event and the need to uplift the Queer Community.

The first Juneteenth celebration was on June 19, 1866, in Galveston, Texas. Juneteenth recognizes and celebrates the final end to the institution of enslaving people in the U.S. Despite the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, which ordered an end to the institution of enslaving people by presidential decree, many southern states continued the practice. It was not until June 19, 1865, that the final vestiges of slavery were abolished; the final holdout was Galveston, Texas. To commemorate this emancipation, Juneteenth celebrations began the following year.

Both of these observances were born out of oppression. They are expressions of history, identity, and dignity. Historically- it is important to remember what was, so that this sort of horrific oppression never happens again. Identity – people have an inherent need to express their identity, this is not different for people whose identities are often oppressed. Dignity – when others have tried to steal your dignity from you, it is important to reclaim it. History, Identity, and Dignity are all elements of Pride Month, Juneteenth, and, quite frankly, every holiday we celebrate.

As we lift up our siblings in Christ this month and pray for unity, let us do so remembering their history, celebrating their identity, and affirming their dignity. *“That All May Be One”* is the prayer of our Savior; and it is our prayer as well. Pride Month, Juneteenth, and similar observances are how that unity may finally be achieved.

-by Pastor Rick

Team Earth: Great Dads of the Animal Kingdom

Male Greater Flamingoes believe in equal opportunity parenting. They assist their lifetime mate with construction of their nest, incubating their eggs, feeding and protecting the chicks. They are all-around excellent dads, which is rather rare in the animal kingdom.

(source: nathab.com/blog/)



The Red Fox is a doting and caring dad... to a point. While the pups are young, he is the bread winner delivering food to the den for the mother and cubs. He plays and roughhouses with his offspring. However, when they are 3 months old, the food train stops. This encourages the pups to leave the den; but fox dads help them out by hiding food nearby. They then learn to forage on their own. (source: nathab.com/blog/)



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DATE: Sunday, 06-07-2026
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