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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 10, 2022
10:00 am Worship Service
Experience God. Grow Disciples. Transform Lives.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette! We're so glad you're here. Whether you're a long-time member or first-time visitor, we are blessed to have you with us. We hope joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. You are loved and never alone!

Our mission statement here is **“Experience God. Grow Disciples. Transform Lives.”** As a church, we strive to be about that simple and challenging work day after day, in season and out of season. The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically altered our lives, but it has also revealed what is most important. As we lean into what the weeks and months ahead will be like, we will continue to pray for one another. We will keep growing as followers of Christ. We will keep loving and listening to our neighbors. We will keep the hand to plow, working to embody God's dream for the world. We will keep reminding ourselves that we are a work in progress.

As we continue both in-person and livestreamed services, we are committed to keeping everyone safe and finding fresh and creative ways to worship together. We value your feedback – let us know what is going well and what could be better!

- A worship bulletin will be available (hardcopy in person or pdf online)
- Please join in the liturgy and prayers and passing of the peace, as directed
- The offering plate will be available to place a cash or check gift in before or after the service
- Join us after worship in the Lounge for fellowship and coffee

We're so glad to be worshipping with you in person and online! You are loved and never alone, friends.

With gratitude in Christ,

Pastors Jeff Lehn and Laura Sherwood

Spiritual Practice:

Take an “Awe Walk” (Solo or with Family/Friends)

We're on the verge of spring! It's a great time to try the spiritual practice of taking an “Awe Walk.” You can do it by yourself or with others. The practice is simple. Take a walk in your neighborhood or through a park or forest preserve nearby. Ask God for an open heart, open mind and open body to receive the beauty and wonder of creation. What do you notice? Up high? Down low? What do you smell? What sounds do you hear? Which people or animals did you observe? What gives you awe and wonder? Where do you see God's beauty?

The experience of awe leads us so naturally to what Anne Lamott calls “the third great prayer, Wow.” She says, “Wonder takes our breath away, and makes room for new breath.” It wakes us up to the presence of the God we seek in every moment.

Adapted from and inspired by Lindley Traynor

Order of Worship
Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

***Indicates please stand, rise in body and spirit as you are able.**

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jeff Lehn, preaching
Rev. Laura Sherwood, pastoral liturgist
Paul Traynor, liturgist
Will Zimmer, Acolyte
Danielle Reese and JJ Reesecox, Lenten Liturgy/Progressive Display
Peggy Massello, Music Director
Hyejin Joo, accompanist
Chancel Choir

PRELUDE - *Intrada on "All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

David Lasky

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

The Acolyte brings in the light to remind us that we have gathered in the light of Christ.

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

PALM SUNDAY - OPENING LITANY AND PROGRESSIVE DISPLAY

For the Beauty of the Earth: Renewed Earth (Genesis 2:1-3 and Revelation 21:1-4 and 6a)

As we continue to walk together on this year's journey through Lent into Holy Week, ...
...May we give thanks for God's creation with our every thought, word, deed, and prayer.

Globe is placed on the Display representing a Renewed Earth

LENTEN PRAYER (unison)

**God of all, guide us through the end of Lent and these days of Holy Week,
so that our reflections on all that you intended for creation, bring about its renewal
through us and through your Church. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 196** - *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (you are invited to wave your palm on the refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Congregation may be seated)

As we begin Holy Week, we know the only way out is through. In this most important week of the Christian year, we ask for stamina and wisdom and grace. We want to experience the mystery of Maundy Thursday, the agony of Good Friday and the jubilation of Easter Sunday. But we begin today with Palm Sunday, with Jesus entering Jerusalem some two thousand years ago. We picture the palm branches, the donkey, the shouts of "hosanna." Understanding who Jesus is and knowing who we are, let us confess our sins together to our gracious and merciful God, first in silent prayer. . . . *silence is kept...*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Now, let us pray together:

**God of all hopefulness, on this holy day of Palms and Passions and through this holiest of weeks,
be with us as we seek the beauty of the earth through pain, sorrow, despair, losses of all kinds,
through fear, anger, disappointment and grief. Through an examination of the ways we work against
you - against your hopes and dreams for creation - we seek your forgiveness, yearn for your guidance
and desire your compassion. Fill us we pray, with the ability to turn to you, kneeling before your grace.
Open our spirit that we may take you into our hearts and minds, to be transformed by you and for you.
May we become a new people this Holy Week, a gentle people, a people of love and compassion,
transformed by your beauty, born anew through the breadth of your forgiveness and love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The first and last word with God is grace—grace to heal and make new, grace to propel us forward.
This is the good news of the gospel—we are loved, forgiven and set free to transform the world.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Now, let us share with each other the peace that forgiveness brings, saying:
The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children are invited to share the peace and gather with leaders to go to the Chapel to continue to worship together in an age-appropriate and meaningful way. They will return to sit with their families toward the end of worship service in the Sanctuary.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 14 verse 1)**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD'S BEAUTY THIS WEEK?

ANTHEM *Hosanna, Hosanna*

Glen Burleigh

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King of Kings.
You are worthy, worthy to be praised.
Blessed is He who cometh, cometh in the name.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Every knee shall bow to the Lord God Almighty;
Every tongue shall confess that He is Lord. Hosanna!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, reveal your truths to us now as your Word is read and proclaimed. Fill us with understanding.
Inspire us to follow. Transform us, so that we might become beacons of your light and life and love. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 19:28-40 (pg. 83 in the New Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON - *The Stones Shout Out!*

Rev. Jeff Lehn

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 226 - *There in God's Garden

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

As we gather our gifts and offer them to God, may we do so in gratitude and praise.

*We invite you to give via our church website www.fpcw.org, our smartphone app, or by sending a check to the church office.
An offering plate is also available in the Narthex.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - The Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH - Hymn No. 606)

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

*INVITATION TO ENTER HOLY WEEK

*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT

The Acolyte carries the light as we go out, to remind us that we both follow and carry Christ's Light into the World.

*HYMN AS WE ENTER HOLY WEEK No. 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (the choir will sing verses 2 and 3 during which you are invited to come forward and lay your palm at the foot of the cross)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Dale Wood

Sources

Prayers of the People ~ adapted liberally from a prayer written by Annabel Shilson-Thomas (UK). Posted on RevGalBlogPals. <https://revgalblogpals.org/2008/03/16/palm-sunday-prayer/>

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Our Common Life

Week of April 10, 2022

HOLY WEEK 2022



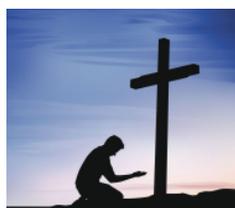
PALM SUNDAY
April 10th
10 am Worship Service
in-person /Livestreamed



MID-WEEK MEETUP
April 13th
4:45 pm Program (WMFC)
5:45 pm Family Dinner



MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 14th
5:45 pm Soup Supper (WMFC)
6:30 pm Worship Service (Sanctuary)
in-person/Livestreamed



GOOD FRIDAY
April 15th
3 - 6 pm Self-guided Prayer Stations
to contemplate the events of Holy
Week (Chapel)
Multi-sensory, interactive, child-accessible



EASTER SUNDAY

Join us Easter Sunday for one of two worship services.

9 am Worship in-person
(Sanctuary)

10 am Fellowship Hour (WMFC)

11 am Worship in-person and Livestreamed (Sanctuary)

There will be one Fellowship Hour after the 9 am worship service.

Easter lilies and hydrangeas will beautify the church during the Easter season.

You may purchase a plant in memory of a loved one or in appreciation of a special person. A list of those being remembered and appreciated, and the donors, will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you purchase a plant(s) for your personal use, please wait until after the 11:00 am service on **April 17th** to pick up your plant(s). Order forms are available at the Usher Table.

Please complete the order form along with your check, by Sunday, April 10th.

Checks should be made payable to: First Presbyterian Church (fpcw).

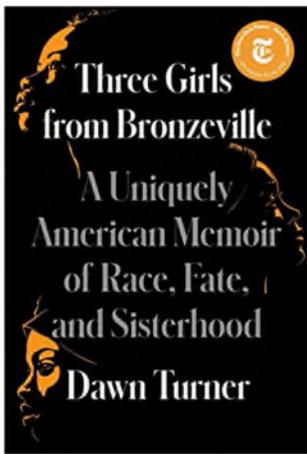


Tower Senior High Youth Benefit Dinner – Sunday, April 24 at 5 pm in WMFC

Save the date for the Tower Benefit Dinner! This event is a night of fun for the whole family including a lasagna dinner, games, prizes, and an auction and it's free to attend! The proceeds from the event will go to support Tower's summer work trip to help rebuild homes in Ronceverte, WV. Please consider donating to the Benefit Dinner to support our youth. There are donation ideas listed below, but we will accept any donations. Contact Scott McElhenie, Youth Director with questions or donations, email: youth@fpcw.org.



- Large Donations
 - A week/weekend at a vacation home
 - A golf outing
 - A sailing trip
 - A flat screen tv
- Medium Donations
 - Sports tickets
 - Wine or picnic baskets
 - Any special talents or hobbies (e.g. guitar lessons, wind surfing, etc.)
- Small Donations
 - Prizes for kids (bubbles, toys, etc.)
 - Gift cards to local restaurants or stores



The Racial Justice Committee is encouraging FPCW members to join in the **One Book, Everyone Reads** annual reading program sponsored by the Wilmette Public Library. This year, librarians have chosen Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate and Sisterhood written by Dawn Turner, former columnist and reporter for The Chicago Tribune.

Publishers' Weekly described the book as a “beautiful, tragic and inspiring memoir” about three Black girls from the storied Bronzeville section of Chicago. The book offers a penetrating exploration of race, opportunity, friendship sisterhood and the powerful forces at work that allow some to flourish...and others to falter.

Members of the FPCW congregation will have at least two opportunities to gather for group discussions about the book. Carol Korak's book group that meets monthly has selected Three Girls from Bronzeville as the subject of their **April 20** discussion. All

FPCW members are invited to join the 7 pm meeting at the church. Then on **Wednesday, May 11**, members can come together for dinner at the church at 5:45 pm and then watch the library-sponsored on-line conversation between author Dawn Turner and Alex Kotlowitz, American journalist and best selling writer. Kotlowitz is probably best known for his 1991 book There Are No Children Here that chronicles the experiences of two brothers growing up in Chicago's Henry Horner Homes. FPCW members are invited to stay around after the conversation to share in a discussion of the program.

The Wilmette library has paper and eBook copies of the book, as well as books on CD and downloadable audio. There is also a copy in the FPCW office available for borrowing. Additionally, the library is offering a number of supplemental programs in support of the reading selection, including:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

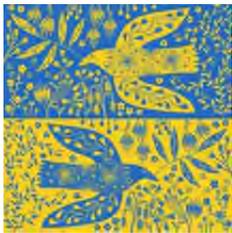
Virtual Bronzeville Walking Tour
Tuesday, April 5, 2–3pm, Virtual

For Kids! Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks
Monday, April 11, 7–8pm, Virtual, Kids Ages 5+

An Afternoon with Ida B. Wells
Tuesday, April 19, 2–3pm, Virtual

The Great Migration and the Great War
Tuesday, May 3, 7–8pm, Virtual

Chicago's Harlem: Bronzeville, the Literary Mecca of the Midwest
Wednesday, May 4, 7–8pm, Virtual

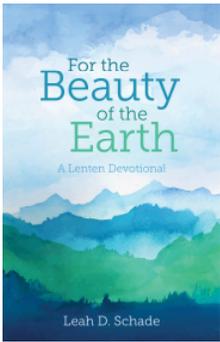


FPCW's Mission Committee is pleased to share the good news about the success of our matching gift program in support of the Ukrainian refugee relief effort through PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.). We exceeded our donation goal of \$10,000 with a match from the Mission Committee. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations which we continue to receive. We are very grateful to be able to channel humanitarian relief funds to the people of Ukraine.



Fellowship Hour Hosting

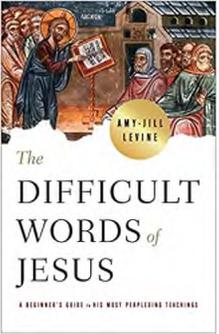
We gather every Sunday after the worship service for our long-standing tradition of Fellowship Hour. We are in need of individuals, families, or committees to take on the Fellowship Hour hosting role for one Sunday. **It's easy to do - bring cookies and help with the coffee, it's just that simple.** Fellowship Hour is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to gather with old friends and greet visitors. The SignUp Genius link is available on the News and Publications page of our website www.fpcw.org and in the Tuesday, Daily Bread.



Our theme for Lent this year is “For the Beauty of the Earth.” Drawn from the title of the beloved hymn written by Follitt Pierpoint in 1864, our theme will unfold week after week in worship as we focus on a different aspect of God’s good creation. We will also reflect on how creation nurtures us and our call to steward the earth, our precious home. Throughout Lent – from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week – you’re encouraged to read the daily devotional by Leah Schade of the same name. Each daily devotion includes scripture, a brief reflection and questions to ponder, or a spiritual practice for the day. Pick up your copy from the church office beginning on Sunday, February 27, or call or email Madeline Weston to ask her to send one to you (office@fpcw.org; 847-256-3010)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS—Sundays 8:30-9:30am In-person (Upper Room) and on Zoom.
Led by Pastor Jeff Lehn.

Lent Series “The Green Bible and 50 Ways to Save the Earth” concludes today, April 10th.
Easter Sunday, April 17th—no class meeting.



New, 6-week series begins April 24th.

Study of Amy Jill-Levine’s recent book, “The Difficult Words of Jesus” ([check it out here!](#)) You are invited to join us for this formative time to wrestle with and live out the most head-scratching and demanding of Jesus’ teachings.

April 24th—May 29th.

PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – Week of April 10, 2022

Children’s Chapel for children ages 3 yrs. - 6th grade.—Sundays

After the Sharing of the Peace, children ages PreK - 6th grade are invited to either remain in the sanctuary with their families, or move to the chapel for an age-appropriate time of worship, lead by Lindley Traynor (ltraynor@fpcw.org), Dir. of Children & Family Ministries, and Scott McElhenie (youth@fpcw.org), Dir of Youth and Family Ministries. This is a meaningful time of encountering God and connecting with each other through simple liturgy, songs, prayer, and the stories of our faith. Children return to sit with their families toward the end of the service in the sanctuary.

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group and Confirmation Class.

Sundays 11:00 am-12:00 noon in Purple Room (2nd floor). All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join the group which will include activities and discussion to help dive into the meaning of our faith and how faith applies to our lives. 8th graders will have additional opportunities to reflect on their desire and readiness to be confirmed as active members of the church. Contact Pastor Laura Sherwood, lsherwood@fpcw.org.

TOWER Senior High Youth – Sundays 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Senior High Youth gather at 5:00 pm in the Tower for a devotion (“For the Beauty of the Earth” by Leah D. Schade) and fellowship. Dinner at 6:00pm in WMFC..

Questions? Contact: Scott McElhenie, youth@fpcw.org

Mid-Week Meet-Up - Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm

activity and music (singers and ringers) followed by dinner provided in Wallace Moore Fellowship Center.

For children ages 3 yrs. through 6th grade. Parents are invited to come and help with the activity or gather for parent fellowship during the children’s program and stay for the community dinner. Contact: Peggy

Massello, pmassello@fpwc.org or Lindley Traynor, ltraynor@fpwc.org.

**Calendar for the week of
April 10th, 2022 - HOLY WEEK**

Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday

8:30 am	Adult study - The Green Bible (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
10:00 am	In-person Worship Livestreaming Worship	Sanctuary YouTube
10:15 am	Children's Chapel	Chapel
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour Confirmation Class	Lounge Purple Room
5:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth fellowship/dinner	Tower/WMFC

Monday, April 11th

10:00am	Pierian Club	Lounge
7:30 pm	Scouts Troop 5	WMFC
8:30 pm	Crew 5	Yellow Room

Tuesday, April 12th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Lounge
7:30pm	Abigail Group	Offsite

Wednesday, April 13th

12:00pm	The Lunch Group	WMFC
4:45 pm	Mid-Week Meetup	WMFC
5:45 pm	Church Family Dinner	WMFC
6:00 pm	FBO Committee Meeting	Lounge
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Music Room

Thursday, April 14th—MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:45pm	Soup Supper	WMFC
6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service of Worship Livestreaming Worship	Sanctuary YouTube
7:00 pm	Men's Hour APNC (Upper Room)	Lounge In-person/Zoom
7:30 pm	Chancel Bells	Music Room

Friday, April 15th—GOOD FRIDAY

3:00-6:00PM	Self-Guided Prayer Stations	Chapel
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Saturday, April 16th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, April 17th - Easter Sunday

No Adult Study, Children's Chapel, Confirmation Class, or Tower Youth meeting today

9:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Fellowship Hour	WMFC
11:00 am	In-person Worship Service Livestream Worship	Sanctuary YouTube

Note: There is only one Fellowship Hour today following the 9am service.

WMFC=Wallace Moore Fellowship Center



*Small group offerings
All are invited.*

2022 Small Groups (meeting via Zoom or in-person)

Slowing Time for Women

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm. New joiners always welcome! Starting in January 2022 we will read “What My Grandmothers Taught Me” (the genealogy of Jesus). Contact Sue Sklansky at suesklansky@gmail.com

Lunch Group for Women

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at noon, and each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. Nancy Freeman coordinates njwfreeman@gmail.com.

Book Group

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, hosted by Carol Korak. carolkorak@gmail.com. Members take turns leading a book discussion. February book is “Lost Roses,” by Martha Hall Kelly.

Men's Hour

Meets Thursdays at 7 pm. Men’s Hour consists of a brief group reading, a silent 5-minute meditation, and an opportunity for each attendee to share thoughts and experiences in turn. No homework or reservations required, and drop-ins are always welcome! Paul Traynor at paultraynor@haymoon.com.

Men's Council

Meets every Saturday morning (8-9:30 am) in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Members take turns cooking breakfast and providing a presentation. Questions? Contact Steve Reinhart steve.reinhart@gmail.com. This group meets in person and via Zoom.

Bible Study

Meets on Thursdays at 10 am. How does the Bible inform our daily lives? This class is led by Rev. Jeff Lehn. jlehn@fpcw.org.

Adult Faith formation

Meets Sunday mornings at 8:30-9:30 am in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Led by Rev. Jeff Lehn, this group is studying The Green Bible and 50 Ways to Help Save the Earth.

Pres Homes Women “Spoke”

1st Thursday of the month at 10 am in-person or via UberConference at Westminster Place, Pastor Laura Sherwood leads the discussion. Current study: Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus. lsherwood@fpcw.org

Abigail Group

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in a member’s homes or Zoom. Abigail is a women’s group for separated or divorced women. Questions? Please contact Sue Sklansky at suesklansky@gmail.com.

Loop Group

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at noon on Zoom. The “Loop Group” meets for fellowship, connection and prayer. We know many of us are stressed at work and could use a small group to be supported and encouraged by. You can work from anywhere to join this group. Interested? Email Pastor Jeff Lehn at jlehn@fpcw.org.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship,
- For the families of Ukraine and all who are assisting,
- For those with health concerns, Jack McAllister, and Colleen McAllister's mother, Dorothy, and Trudy Ronnel, and Melissa Rooks.
- For those who are grieving,
- For our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and those who journey with them.



Updated Mask Policy at First Pres

At First Pres we are now mask-optional for all attendees, including in-person Sunday worship, fellowship events, and small group gatherings.

Anyone who wishes to continue to wear a mask for any reason is encouraged to do so. And any groups that meet in the church building are welcome to go mask-optional or to determine on their own if they wish to require wearing masks.

Lent: For the Beauty of the Earth Resources

With creation at the heart of our Lenten practice this year, we hope you will find new ways to appreciate and care for the earth in the coming days. Here are some ways to grow in your knowledge, and give thought to ways you can be a good steward of the earth. We welcome other resources as well!

Kiss the Ground film <https://kissthegroundmovie.com/>

A film about how we can repair the soil and impact the climate.

Islands of Faith film <https://www.netflix.com/title/81292475>

A film about Indonesia and the many faiths represented there that are caring for their native lands in ways that are sustainable and honoring their faith.

Go Green Wilmette <https://gogreenwilmette.org/>

A local resource for all things “green” in Wilmette—what you can do, and what we can do as a community to impact the planet.

Plant a tree in your parkway. <https://www.wilmette.com/engineering-public-works/forestry/tree-planting/>

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OFFICE HOURS

9 am-5 pm (Monday-Thursday)

9 am-1:00 pm (Friday)



INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we are a vibrant and supportive Christian family whose welcoming spirit reflects God's love for all people. We invite participation in all aspects of our church life by persons of every race, language, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, economic or marital status, or faith background. FPCW is a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders working for a church that is simultaneously faithful, just, and whole.



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