



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
June 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME



TO ST. JAMES'S

Nursery care is available during the service on the first floor of the parish building. Ask an usher for directions but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

KFC: Kids for Christ! Young Children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.

Parking is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

Hearing devices are available at both entrances to the church.

St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

HAPPENING TODAY

VISIT: Stick around after the service and introduce yourself to a friendly-looking stranger.

SERVE: Help make sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes after the service today. Just come to the kitchen and join us!

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Please join us outdoors today after the service for lemonade and refreshments. All are welcome!

GUEST ORGANIST: We welcome Ted Babbitt back to St. James's who will be the organist today. You will find his bio and photo on page 14 of the bulletin.

and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17 (*spoken*)

Inclina, Domine

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor anything like your works.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, *
and glorify your Name.

For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SEQUENCE HYMN 655

O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her

mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. John L.C. Mitman

The people stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage
and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially David D. Thomas on the anniversary of his death, that your will for them may be fulfilled. And we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For Sean, our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura, our own bishops, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the poor and oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and victims of violence, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, and for all the departed, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those children and youth in our community celebrating birthdays this week, that they continue to grow in your image and spread your love to others, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant will conclude the prayers with a collect.

THE PEACE

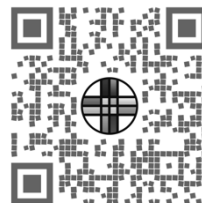
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME

If you would like to make an online offering to the Mission and Ministry of God through the work of the people of St. James's, please use this QR code. *Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

Adagio from Organ Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

in F minor

(1809-1847)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

AT THE COMMUNION

Improvisation

Ted Babbitt (b. 2004)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Longpont from 24 Pieces en Style Libre

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Bob Hooper

PREACHER – The Rev. John L.C. Mitman

ORGANIST – Ted Babbitt

CHALICE BEARERS – Maureen Bowman, Marilyn Tomlinson

LECTOR – Harry Meyer

INTERCESSOR – Rob Duncan

ACOLYTES – Odin Bergsbaken, Walter Bowman

USHERS – Mike Shuey, Audrey Lamy

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jonathan Lewis

ALTAR GUILD – Chris Keesling, Linda Fournier

Organist **Ted Babbitt** is an emerging concert artist whose performances have taken him throughout the eastern United States, the United Kingdom, and Ireland. A graduate of the Townsend School of Music at Mercer University, he earned a Bachelor of Music Education and studied organ with Dr. Jack Mitchener. He was a Jo Phelps Fabian Distinguished Music Scholar, the highest scholarship awarded by Mercer's Townsend School of Music. This fall, Ted will enter the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania pursuing a Master of Music in Organ Performance degree.



Recent performance highlights include *The Next Chapter*, a nine-city recital tour celebrating his graduation from Mercer University. In 2025, he toured the United Kingdom and Ireland as soloist with the Mercer University Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Brittan Braddock. Performances included St. James's Church, Piccadilly, in London; The Hallé at St. Paul's in Manchester; and The Lark Concert Hall in Balbriggan, Ireland. Additional solo recital appearances include Grace Church, New York, New York; Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; and St. John's Lutheran Church, Stamford, Connecticut.

Ted began organ study in high school with organist Scott Lamlein. He has performed in masterclasses for Alan Morrison, Paul Jacobs, Isabelle Demers, Stephen Darlington, David Higgs, Nathan Laube, Christopher Houlihan, Christa Rakich, Jonathan Moyer, Ray Nagem, Felix Hell, Stephen Tharpe, and Jeffrey Brillhart. Ted most recently served as the Director of Music–Organist at All Saints Episcopal Church in Warner Robins, Georgia.

PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: info@stjameswh.org or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo, Fran, John, and Karen.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Joanie, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen J., Linda, Tom, Peg, Sharon, and Margaret.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially David D. Thomas on the anniversary of his death. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of South India (United).

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Grace, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange. Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors & campers.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

CHILDREN & YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers on **Sunday, June 28** and every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the 9:30 service. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available **today** during the service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org.

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!

Come and enjoy time in the Memorial Garden and pick a few weeds! The Memorial Garden Crew is looking for help in maintaining this beautiful garden! This intrepid team of weeders rotates on a bi-weekly basis through June through September to weed and do some light pruning. You decide which day of the week to weed. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign-up by scanning the QR code or email Claire Burnett at claireburnett@comcast.net. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email and/or by scheduling a walk through the garden with Claire after the 9:30am service. Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry!



GOOD NEWS GARDEN

Our team has been harvesting for several weeks now and we invite more folks to join us. Latest harvest was June 3 – see here! We meet Wednesday at 8:45 to 10am most weeks during growing season. We expanded this year to grow pears and a Jamaican green called callaloo. We are all learning as we go and welcome all.



GRACE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford is looking for volunteers to help hand out food on Thursdays (8:30a-11:30a). Please email Kathie Rovetti at krovetti@gmail.com for more information.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE & LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

The summer service schedule begins today with one service at 9:30 in the church followed by the traditional Lemonade on the Lawn. There will be no 8:00 service during the summer through Labor Day. We will shift our after-service fellowship to the front lawn for light refreshments and sunshine. Hosting Lemonade on the Lawn is very minimal effort & investment - whether that means time or cash for you. Simply mix up a batch of lemonade and wheel it to the front, along with a light

snack-bite or two and the paper supplies (provided). For serving, we keep a folded table in the Narthex store room and there's always someone headed into church willing to help pop it up! So, grab a slot that suits your summer schedule. We'll see you On the Lawn! Questions, contact Mary Goeldner at marykirkg@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/freshlemons.

ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

The Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Tomlinson (860-372-1193).

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for about an hour beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of topics related to religion or ethics. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members. The discussion group meets next on **Saturday, June 27**. Bob Burnett chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at robert.burnett@comcast.net for further info. Coffee and other refreshments are provided at each meeting.

CHEF MINISTRY

CHEF Ministry for expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help "feed their sheep". Thank you to all the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. mach1goon@gmail.com, 978-505-1333.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (no pasta, canned beans, or mac & cheese, please)

As we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. After hours: please place

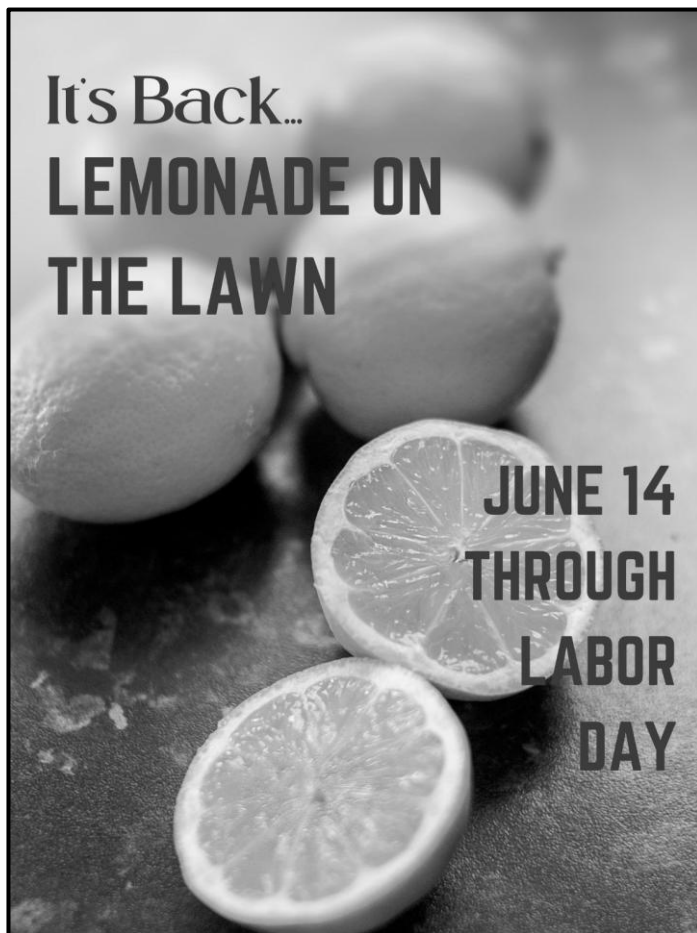
donations in the blue rubber bin. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase items. Just note "Food Pantry" in memo.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

CLERGY VISITATION

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at rector@stjameswh.org or assistant@stjameswh.org.



28th Annual School Supply Drive

Collection begins July 1 and runs
until August 16

Items Most Needed:

backpacks, pencils, pens,
notebooks, erasers, crayons,
markers, gluesticks, and rulers.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 AFTER THE 9:30
SERVICE TO HELP SORT AND PACK THE SUPPLIES!
COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS SERVED.



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

9:30 a.m. in the church (no 8:00 service in the summer)

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel followed by breakfast in the parish room

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III.....*Rector*
 The Rev'd Chris Leung..... *Assistant Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke.....*Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd John L.C. Mitman.....*Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr.....*Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps.....*Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Jean R. Smith.....*Priest Associate*

STAFF

Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter.....*Parish Administrator*
 Mr. Leon Fraser..... *Sexton*
 Mrs. Priscilla Hooper*Director of Family Ministries*
 Ms. Michelle Horsley*Organist & Director of Music*
 Mrs. Stephanie Latif..... *Financial Secretary*

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Mr. Harry Meyer *Assistant Treasurer*

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Mr. Greg Jacobs.....*Senior Warden*
 Mr. Tyler Smith.....*Junior Warden*
 Mr. Chuck Kinney*Clerk*
 Mr. Michael Sherrill..... *Treasurer*

2027	2028	2029
Doug Compton	Susan Gutierrez	Mary Baier
Joey Meyer	David Kramer	Maureen Bowman
Liz Normand	Jonathan Lewis	Jim Conway
Marilyn Tomlinson	Susan Ritz	Rob King

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 No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...*

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