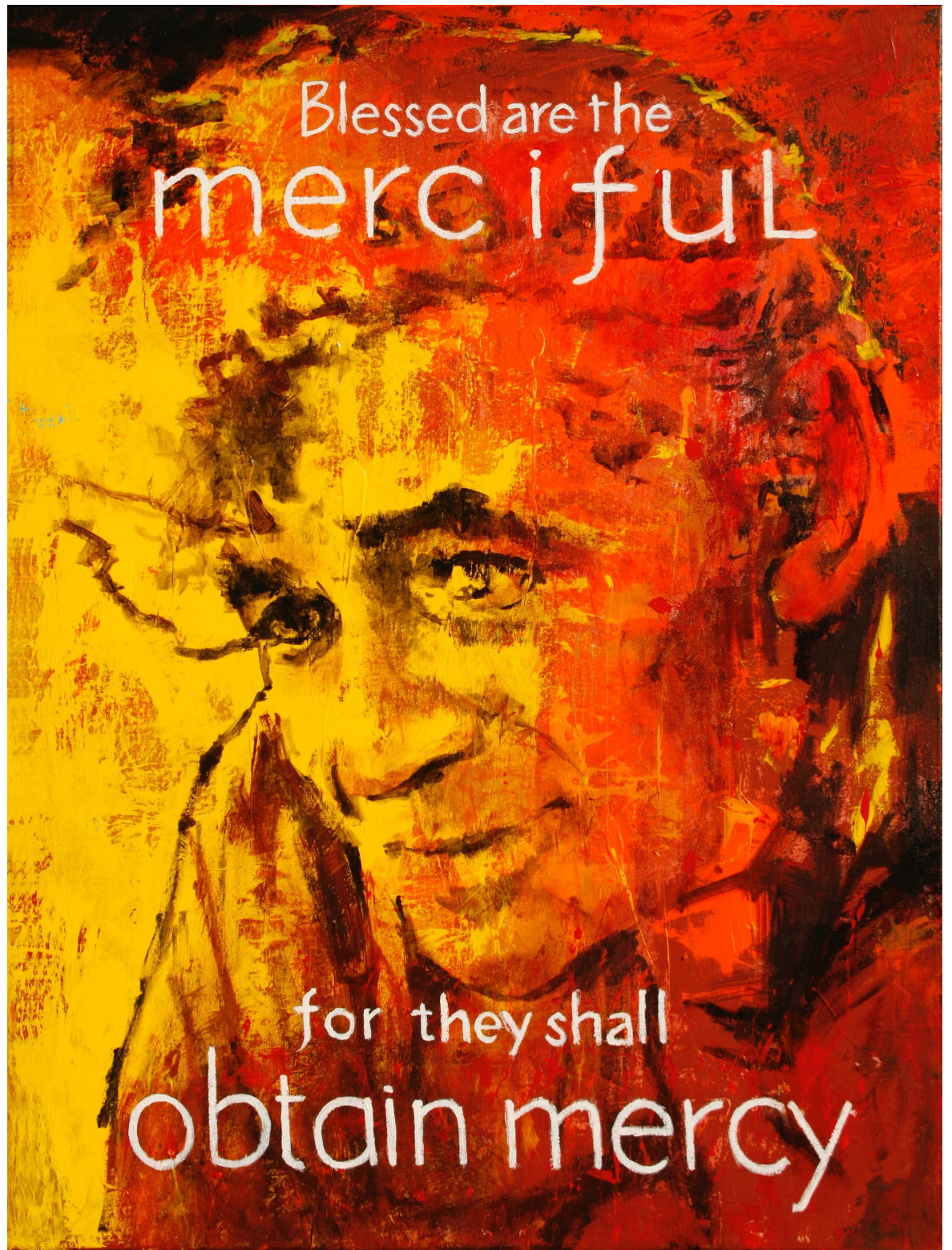


TAIZÉ PRAYER



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**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021 • 7:00 pm

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Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by Rev. BJ Woodworth

This worship space is created to enhance your prayer. Please feel free, at any time, to come to the front to sit on the rug and be closer to the light, to pray with one of the icons, to light a candle with your prayer, to move with the music, or to sing in whatever language is comfortable to you. We hope that you will become aware of the presence of the living God as you pray in this place and that you might take that awareness out with you into the world.

* Blessed Are The Merciful

Blessed are the merciful,
Blessed are the merciful.
Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall receive mercy, mercy.

Music by Isaac Wardell, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach. CCLI #689547

CLM9 God Is Forgiveness



Bóg jest mi - łość - cią miej - cie od - wa - gę żyć dla mi - łość - ci.
God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and God will be with you.

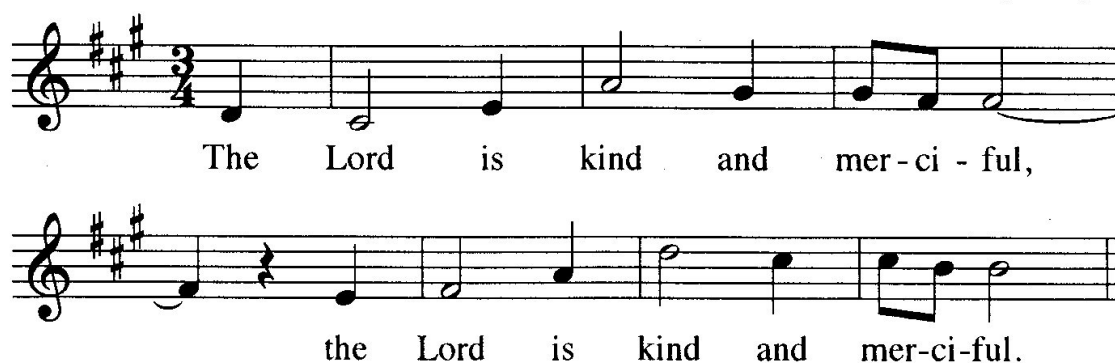


Bóg — jest mi - łość - cią. Nie lę - kaj - cie się.
God — is for - give - ness. Love, and do not fear.

Psalm 103 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: * The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

Marty Haugen



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Bless the Beloved, O my soul,
And all that is within me;
I bless your Holy Name!
Bless the Beloved, O my soul,
And remember the goodness of Love.
THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

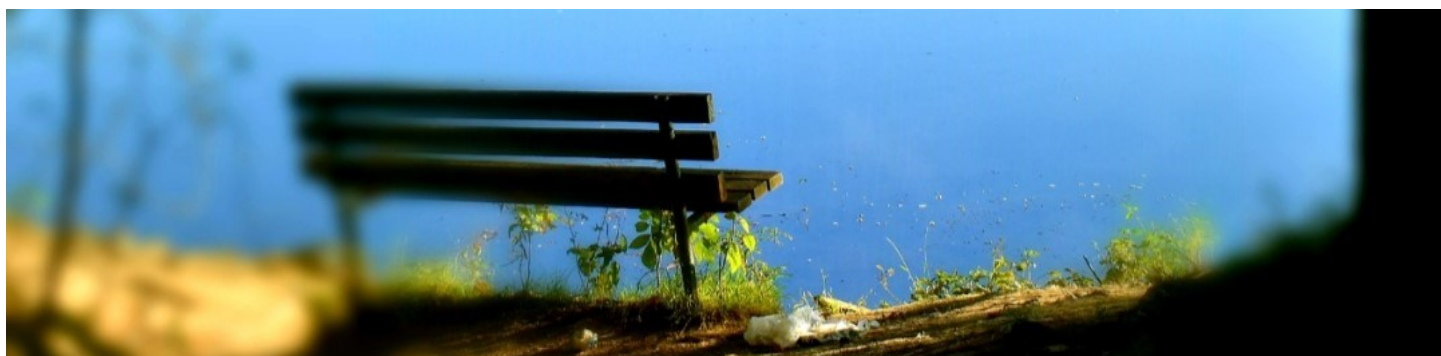
You forgive our stubbornness,
You heal our disease,
You save us from the snares of fear,
You crown us with steadfast Love and Mercy,
You satisfy our every need
And renew our spirit like the eagle's.
THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

Through you comes peace and
Justice for all who are oppressed.
You make known the pathway of truth,
And guide us on the Way.
THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

You are merciful and gracious,
Quelling our anger with your patient Love.
You love us more than we can ask or imagine;
In truth, we belong to you.
THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

As parents are concerned for their children,
So you come to those who reach out in faith.
For our ways are known,
Our weaknesses seen with compassion.
THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

The Beloved's home is in our hearts,
As we discover in the silence.
Bless the Beloved, O you angels,
You faith-filled ones who hear the Word,
Following the voice of love!
THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL



The Word/Meditation: Matthew 5:1-2, 7

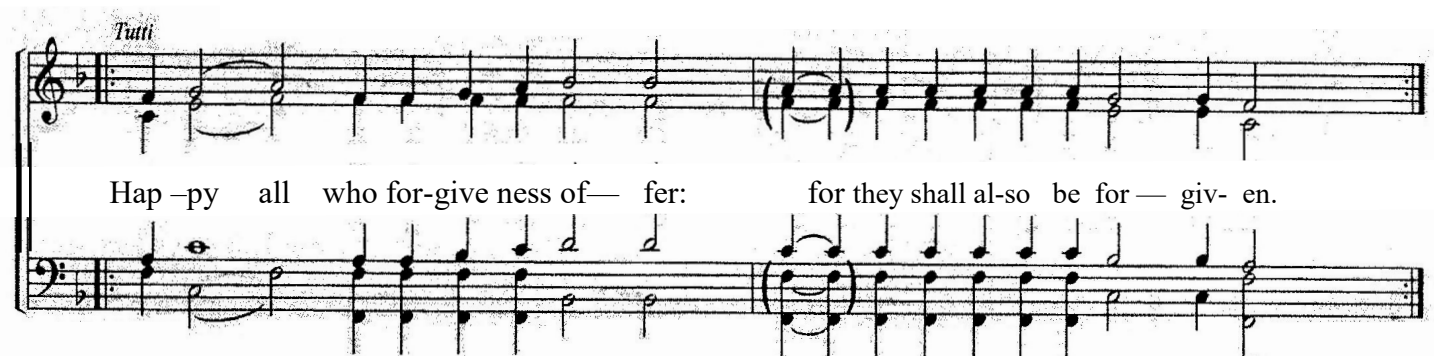
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”



Words from Marcello Fidanio

The *Rule of Taizé* recalls the phrase that Brother Roger’s mother often used to repeat: “If we were to lose mercy, we would have lost everything.” A life of communion with God opens us to seek reconciliation with others and to commit ourselves to alleviate the sufferings of the poorest.

* Les Béatitudes



Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: * Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

John Merbecke, 1550
Arr. Healey Willan, 1930



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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, HAVE MERCY UPON US...

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, HAVE MERCY UPON US...

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, HAVE MERCY UPON US...

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, HAVE MERCY UPON US...

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US...



Silent and Spoken Prayers

Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.

A note about praying for others out loud: Some people are comfortable with having their prayer concerns lifted up in public worship. Others are not. Before you share aloud any prayer concerns, please be sure that you are not breaking confidentialities.

Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.

NB53 The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the King - dom,

and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Prayer over the Anointing Oil *(in unison)*

We have an anointing station this evening for those seeking individual prayer to share joys or concerns. Any desiring prayer, and/or anointing with oil, are invited to come forward, waiting in the center aisle if the station is full. To assist in hearing prayer concerns, anointing happens to the left in the columbarium.

Bless this oil, O Lord, pressed from the fruit of the earth. Let it be a holy ointment for the wounds and worries of those who receive it. May it be a sign to all of us of your constant desire to touch our lives and bring us to health and wholeness. Bless us, O Lord, as we come before you and seek to experience through the touch of others, your everlasting love. Amen.

NB9 Christ Of Compassion

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are some circled notes in the original image.

O ————— Je - su — Chri - ste in te con - fi - do.
Christ of com - pas - sion, Lord God, I trust you.

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CLM30 Nothing Can Ever

Three systems of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first system has two staves. The second system has two staves with a repeat sign and a 'Last time' marking. The third system has two staves with a repeat sign and a 'Last time' marking.

Noth - ing can ev - er come be - tween us and the love of God, the

love of God re - vealed to us in Christ Je - sus. (Last time ♪)

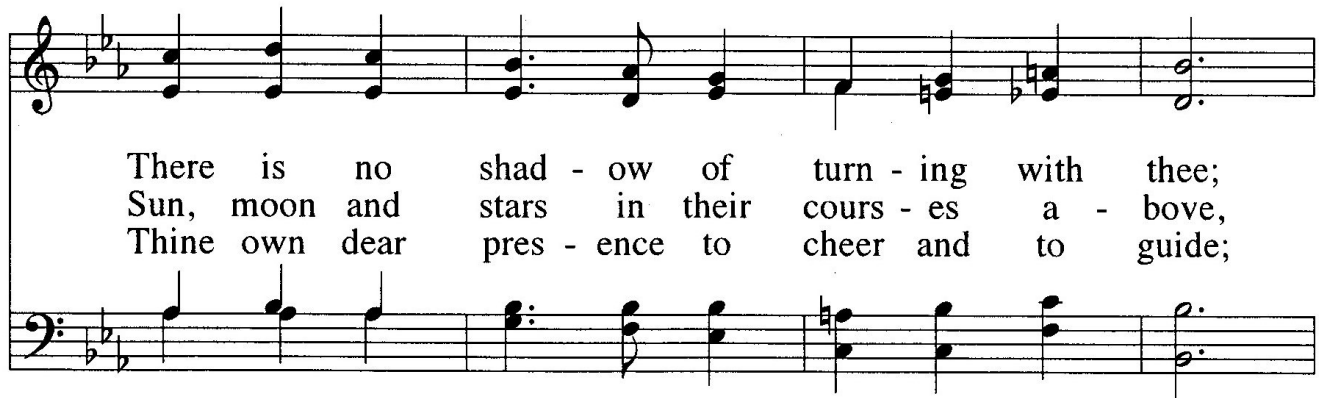
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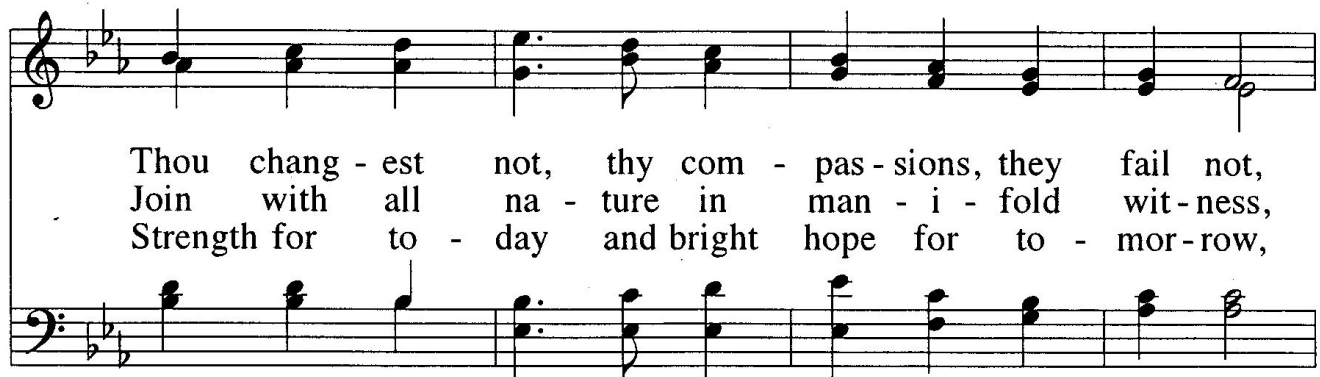
* Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As thou has been thou for ev - er wilt be.
 To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960
 Tune: FAITHFULNESS, 11 10 11 10 with refrain; William M. Runyan, 1870-1957
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The Closing Blessing *(in unison)*

**May the Lord bless and keep us from all harm,
and may God lead us to eternal life;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.



∞ SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS ∞

Contemplative Prayer (on Zoom)

Mondays from 7:30-8am

Join us for a time to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies to help us start our day in communion with God and one another.

Facilitated by Rev. BJ Woodworth

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Mindfulness Meditation (on Zoom)

Thursdays from 8-8:30am

Be guided in mindfulness meditation practices and offer supports for practicing meditation in everyday life. Those new to meditation and those with meditation experience are welcome.

Facilitated by Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada

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Enneagram Lunchtime Discussion Group (on Zoom)

3rd Tuesdays of the month from 12:20-1:30 pm

Contact Rev. BJ Woodworth with questions (BJW@coh.net)

Each month we explore and reflect upon different aspects of the Enneagram like, our Enneagram's approach to time, spiritual practices, our bodies etc. These topics are chosen by those within the group from month to month, often through an article or podcast to reflect upon.

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ADVENTUS RETREAT

Joining a Hope That Has Come

6pm Friday, December 3rd to 7pm Saturday, December 4

Cost: \$25

“Advent is a season of wondering and waiting; a season where much of the movement is a looking deep within for the call and our response. Advent shows up on the church calendar post-Autumn equinox when there is less daylight and more nighttime and ends just after the winter Solstice when night begins to get shorter, and daylight once again starts its return.

Spiritually speaking, the season of Advent is much like a womb-time, at least for people in our area of the world who are snugly wrapped in the long hours darkness. As Christians, we wait together anticipating Jesus’ birth while simultaneously looking toward the future reign of Christ. Advent ends on the eve Christmas; it ends with the birth of Jesus—the Light of the World who broke through the darkness with a new way of seeing.” (adapted from www.theworkofthepoeple.com)

DETAILS: We will have opening and closing Zoom time in community with each other and optional times in between to join together for the prayer liturgies and mediations included in the retreat experience.

Everything you need will be prepared for you in advance and be able to be picked up on Sunday, November 28 for you to prepare a space internally and externally to be on retreat.

If you are interested in physically getting away to participate in this virtual retreat, contact Rev. BJ Woodworth to explore options.

RSVP to Norma
(Norma@coh.net)
by Sunday, November 21.

Contact Rev. BJ Woodworth
(BJW@coh.net)
with questions.



Praying in Color with

MANDALAS

Grab some colored pencils in the back

One of the most ancient forms of prayer is the mandala and it's used across many different religions. The word mandala means "container of sacred essence" in Sanskrit. It originated as a spiritual practice in the 6th century BC out of the Hindu and Buddhist religions, but is now used by many others, including Christians. Mandala coloring can be a calming and focusing prayerful activity – beyond thoughts, feelings and words – amidst our Taizé prayer.

