

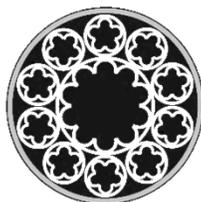
***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.



November 11, 2018

*First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, New York 12305
(518) 377-2201 www.1stReformed.com*

Welcome to First Reformed Church
We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.



If you are a first time visitor, we hope you feel at home here. Please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. Stop by a welcome table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

After Worship

Typically, after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in the Dirck Romeyn room before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

Columbarium Accessible on Sundays

Those wishing to visit the columbarium during construction may do so on Sunday mornings from 11-11:30am. Our sexton, Tom Mahan will be stationed at the church office entrance to provide safe passage to the columbarium.

Communion

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. All followers of Christ are invited to share this meal.

Non-Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-630-0911

Parking

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

Elders in Worship

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the mission of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

Restroom

If you are looking for a first floor handicap accessible restroom the Mohawk House is open.

Hearing Assistance



We have a hearing aid loop system that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

Joining the Congregation

To become a member of the congregation, there is a one-time orientation, a meeting with the governing board, and a reception in worship. If you are interested in the next orientation, please fill out a white pew card.

Mohawk House Coffee Area

Open from 9am-3pm on Monday-Friday.

Child Care on Sunday - Kinderwyk

Childcare for infants through Pre-k is available from 9:45am until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.

Church School

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am in the Walton House. Children participating in communion on the first Sunday of the month will return to service.

Beaver Bits Children's Bulletins

The Beaver Bulletin Bits includes key Bible verses, thoughts, coloring activity, announcements and a prayer for the coming week. Pick one up from an usher.

Service Online

A live stream of the worship service as well as some of the past services can be found at 1stReformed.com.

Parking Reminder

Our handicap parking lot is designated for contractors Monday-Friday. Please park in our other two available lots. Also, please leave the spaces in front of the church open on Sundays for drop off.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 11, 2018

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Dan Gleason

Scenes from Mexico: I. The Village

Alice Gomez

October Night

Michael Burritt

GREETING Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Jubilate Deo*

*HYMN *All In All*

You are my Strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek,
You are my All in All
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my All in All

(Refrain)

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name

Taking my sin my cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your Name
You are my All in All
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my All in All
(Refrain x2 as choir returns to first verse)

*OUR NEED FOR GOD

God of all connections, defender of our promises, keeper of our lives, we confess that we have been lazy and shortsighted in our love for one another. Call us again to the depth and dignity of the joy you wish for all of us. Move through churches and

families and laws to bring about your cherished kingdom.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)

Hallelujah

Zimbabwe



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Barmen Declaration)

The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Strive to Be Happy
Ivan Trevino

FIRST LESSON

Amy Brule

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen. *1 King 17:8-16* (pg 324)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:38-44 (pg 49)

SERMON

Bill Levering

All In: The Sacrifices of Women

*HYMN

#422

God, Whose Giving Knows No End

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gift of Love
Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my works are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love with in,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide eve'ry deed.
By this we worship and are freed.

*DOXOLOGY #592
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

*HYMN *Take My Life* #391

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Threefold Amen Traditional

POSTLUDE

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<p>Entered into Eternal Rest Joseph W. Lovell – November 8, 2018</p>

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick Blackmer by his family.

Music Notes

The title *Strive to be Happy* comes from the poem *Desiderata* by German poet Max Ehrmann.

Prayers of the People

Requests for prayer may be noted on a pew card and placed in the offering plate. We pray regularly for those who are ill, those who serve their country, those who hunger, and those who are our enemies. As part of our prayers this morning, we remember with thanksgiving members of our church who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

Marilyn Wemple, Richard McCary, Alan D. Attanasio, George Graham, Ruth E. George, Dolph G.P. Ebeling, Josephine Van Nest, Albert Holland, Richard Roberts, John "Jack" Fitts Richard (Dick) Blackmer, H. Gilbert Harlow

If you are aware of a departed member, whose name has not been noted near the anniversary of their death, please contact the church office.

Johnson Library

You will find two new books on the library's shelf. *Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick will provide interesting background on the Pilgrims' history in Plymouth. Philbrick tells the story of an 55 year epic. The second book is *Parables* in which John MacArthur helps Christians understand the essential lessons Jesus had for us.

The library has been moving the catalog of its books into a computer program. It would be helpful if you could check your books at home to see if, lost among them, you might find a Johnson Library book you forgot about. Thank you for helping with our efforts.

How to Give Memorial Flowers for Christmas

Each year the church is decorated with plants and greens during the holiday season. Your loved ones will be remembered in the bulletin on December 16. The donation is \$20. Even if you have donated in previous years, you must place a new order for Christmas 2018. Please call 518-377-2201 or email, 1streformedpub@gmail.com the church office no later than Thursday, December 13, to make arrangements. Send payment to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Drive, 12309.

“Dreams do come true, if only we wish hard enough. You can have anything in life if you will sacrifice everything else for it.” — J.M. Barrie

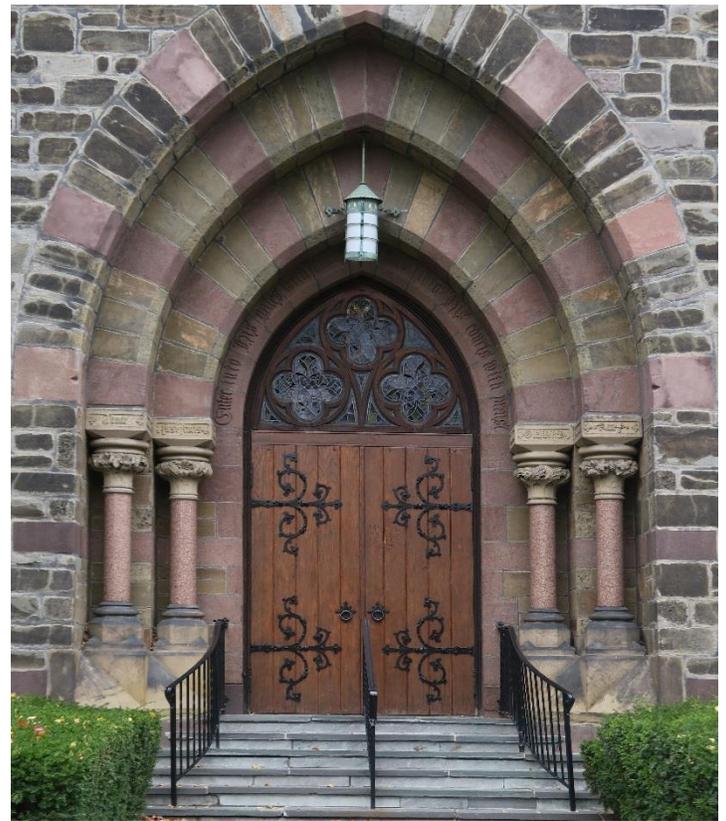
“Sacrifice is a part of life. It's supposed to be. It's not something to regret. It's something to aspire to.” — Mitch Albom

“As my sufferings mounted I soon realized that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation -- either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course.”
— Martin Luther King Jr.

“Real magic can never be made by offering someone else's liver. You must tear out your own, and not expect to get it back.”
— Peter S. Beagle, *The Last Unicorn*

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” — Holy Bible

“The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.” — Gaylord Nelson



Doors to New Life

Jesus said, Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.” (Rev. 3:20)

Sunday Volunteers	This Week	Next Week
Bookshop	Nancy Wainwright	Martha Winchester
Church School	Liam Battjes, Dave Pizzolo	Mary Carlson, Dave Pizzolo
Counting Deacons	Sarah Bachorik, Christina Jones	Claire Hughes
Flower Delivery	Ginny McDermott, Ann Gotwals	Birdie Blackmer, Sandy Moynihan
Greeters	Darwin & Ellie Brudos	Robert & Sally Clark
Jazz Vespers	Scott Bassinson, piano	Thanksgiving Vespers
Kinderwyk	Vickie McGowan-Horan	Dorothy Linder Mitchell, Peter Lion
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Norma Brown, Don & Marilyn Leach, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce, Ellie Rowland	Bill Rochelle, Walt Robb, Richard Rose, Maria Todd, Phil Falconer, Norm Kuchar
Reader	Amy Brule	Norm Kuchar
Ushers	Mike Horan, Hannah Bachorik, Sarah Bachorik, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne, David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Karen Gonda, Berta & Nat Phipps
Sign up for any of these important jobs at 1streformed.com		

Coming Up

See the newsletter or call the church office for more information

Date	Time	Group	Description	Place
Nov 11	9am	Chancel Choir	Rehearsal open to all.	Sanctuary
	9am	Chords of Love	We meet every Sunday. Any kids ages 8-18 are welcome. No experience needed.	Mezzanine
	9:45am	Kinderwyk	Childcare for children through Pre-k, until noon downstairs in Friendship Hall.	Friendship Hall
	10:15am	Church School	Children in grades K-5 are invited to go upstairs for church school after the Children's Message.	Schermerhorn & Walton
	11:15am	First Forum	Celebrate Our Veterans with Richard Rose	Sanctuary
	11:15am	Sharing Sacred Stories	Let us grow together in faith and fellowship, sharing stories of God at work in our lives. Contact Aline Stabler for more info at 518-369-9275 or agianfagna@gmail.com.	Mohawk House Pres.
	12pm	Youth Education Meeting	Youth Ed committee meeting	Mohawk House Lunn
	5pm	Jazz Vespers	Scott Bassinson, piano	Sanctuary
	6pm	J-Walkers Youth Group	The Great Thanksgiving. The youth see Thanksgiving from different points of view and artistically give-thanks.	Mohawk House
Nov 13	10am	Horizons Bible Study	Contact Barbara Walton, (518) 894-5021 or waltonbl@aol.com if you have questions.	Mohawk House Pres.
	6:30pm	Committee Meetings	Individual Committees meet on their own.	Various
	7:30pm	Consistory	Officers meeting	Dirck Romeyn
Nov 14	9:30am	Kerygma Conversations	Fully subscribed Bible study and discussion of God's command to speak out.	Mohawk House Pres.
	2pm	Staff Meeting	All staff meeting.	Office
	6pm	Fellowship Meal	Complimentary dinner & informal conversations shared before Contemplative Worship.	Dirck Romeyn
	7pm	Contemplative Worship	Reflective service of song, Scripture, communion, prayers, and Christ's peace.	Sanctuary
	7pm	Adult Ukulele	Ukuleles play during Contemplative Worship.	Dirck Romeyn

Date	Time	Group	Description	Place
Nov 15	10am	Stitch Group	Meets every Thursday. Come finish a project or start a new one.	Mezzanine
	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry	Stephen Ministers meet for Continuing Education and Small Group Peer Supervision.	Mohawk House
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Rehearsal open to all.	Sanctuary
Nov 18	11:15am	First Forum	Stewardship Celebration Luncheon at the Water's Edge Lighthouse Restaurant	Sanctuary
	11:15am	Sharing Sacred Stories	Let us grow together in faith and fellowship, sharing stories of God at work in our lives. Contact Aline Stabler for more info, 518-369-9275 or agianfagna@gmail.com.	Mohawk House Pres.
	11:15am	Open Hearts	Join us for a brief time of sharing concerns and praying in a confidential group every third Sunday. Please contact Karen Gonda with questions.	Mohawk House Lunn
	11:30am	Stewardship Luncheon	This will be an important review of our plans for 2019 and how we will be doing mission in the new building. Please RSVP to the church office by Nov 14.	The Water's Edge Lighthouse
	4pm	Thanksgiving Jazz Vespers	We will honor Tom D'Andrea. It will feature Wayne Hawkins Trio, Nat Phipps Group, Peg & Bill Delaney. Honoring Tom D'Andrea. Advance tickets are \$10; tickets at the door are \$12; \$5 for students and seniors.	Sanctuary
Nov 19	10:30am	Stephen Ministry Glen Eddy Group	Maria Todd is leading an informal get together to share our life experiences and enjoy Friends from FRC. The meeting takes place every 3rd Monday at 10:30am.	Fireside room at the Eddy
	11:30am	First Things Volunteers	Help send off our Newsletter. Pizza will be provided. Anyone is welcome.	Mohawk House Lunn
Nov 20	7pm	Short Short Writing	Writing group for 1000 words or less.	Mohawk House Lunn
Nov 22 – Nov 23			Thanksgiving – Office Closed	
Nov 24	9am	FRC Sole Searchers	We will head to Indian Lake Village in Hamilton County to pick up the trail head for the OK Skip Falls. This six-mile round trip excursion will feature mostly level terrain. RSVP to James at jgonda12309@gmail.com.	Church Parking lot
Nov 25	11am	Care & Prayer	Trained Stephen Ministers are available to sit with, listen to, and pray for you.	Dykstra Chapel
	11:15am	FRC Orff Group	All generations are welcome, including children age 3 & up. No musical experience is necessary.	Balcony

World War I

George Albert Abbe
Roger O. Ackerman
J.N. Alexander*
Albert V.V. Ball
Howard Bancroft*
Howard Bird*
Ronald P. Boardman
J. Scott Button
Charles G. Briggs
George A. Brown
Albert Edward
Carmichael
Harold Bright Chrisler
Vere Ward Cleminshire
Garrett Marcellus Clowe
Harold Lee Clowe
S. Vedder Clute
Leroy P. Collins*
James H. Crawford*
H. Maurice Darling*
Hartley G. Dewey*
De Witt G. Dewey*
Nelson Dingley*
William P. Faust
Raymond F. Fowler*
William J. Foster, Jr.
Harvey Gale*
Deforest Van Slyck
Garnsey
Lewis H. Gibbs
Clark Godfrey*
George E. Godd*
Stillman S. Ham
Henry Heine*
Philip T. Hill*
John W. Hoag
Pierre Hoag
Stella Highes*
Carl Jester*
J.F. Jewell Jr.*
Douglass Johnson*
Garrett V. Johnson
Leslie W. Jones
Henry L.P. King*
Harold J. Kline*
Robert Kreitzer*
R. Faust Krueger
Frank E. Kruesi
John Kruesi
Walter E. Kruesi
Judson Stuart Landon
Edward P. Lawsing
A.G. Lunblad*
Walter Lundblad*
Lynn R. Mac Intyre*
Stuart F. Mac Millan*
William Mac Rae*
Kenneth G. Magner*
Laurence G. Magner*
Chester McLaughlin*
Charles G. McMullen
William McMullen

Carl F. Mellin*
Donald W. Moore
Wellington E. Moore*
William T.B. Mynderse
James I. Newton*
Howard Payne*
Frank H. Penney*
Andrew K. Reid*
Leslie Reid*
Ralph Reid*
Robert Reid*
Paul S. Ricketts*
Frank Edmund Robinson
Richard K. Rosa*
Wilfred Rosekrans*
Robert S. Ross*
Richard Ravenel Spring
Karl M. Stoller
Leland K. Swart*
Harman D. Swits
Alexander Thompson*
Elsie Thompson*
Harold Thompson*
Arthur Tinnerholm*
Ivar E. Tinnerholm*
Robert F. Tinnerholm*
Jack D. Underhill
Lance Underhill
Oliver C. Underhill
Robert Johnson Van
Epps
C.L. Van Sothen*
Harold Garrett Veeder
Edward Clifton Vrooman
Harold V.V. Vrooman
Alonzo P. Walton, Jr.
Albert Weaver*
John H. Wemple*
John Wendell
William Wright*
Howorth Young

World War II

Sanford L Archer
Clifton S. Atkinson*
Donald Atkinson*
Ralph M. Atkinson*
Robert A. Aussicker
John Bailey*
Frank D. Barclay, Jr.
George E. Barter*
W. Garner Bee II
Gilbert Betts*
William B Biggs
C. William Bowman
Suvier Bralley
Richard L. Brandhorst*
Walter Briggs
Darwin B. Brudos
Boyd H. Bullock*
Calvin R. Burtner*
Thomas B Case
James T. Catlett*
Robert Clark*

Charles F. Clowe
Lawrence K. Coachman*
Robert P. Cochran*
Leroy P. Collins*
George Coons*
John Coons*
Robert Crandall*
F. Howard Croninger
Mary R. Croninger
Richard Davis
Howard Donnelly*
William H. Dotter
Reynolds Downing*
Frank A. Droms*
John W Eddy
John H. English*
John R. Eshbach
John H. Faber
J. Vance Farquhar*
John Ferguson*
John Fitts*
Donald Flom
Alfred M. Fonda*
John A. Friday
Vibert O. Fryer*
Harry Funston Jr.*
William T. George
George A. Gilbert*
John E. Glen
Morton Good*
Romer Good
Bruce R. Gordon*
Richard Gordon
Richard T. Hall*
Robert Hall*
Elliot Harvey*
Wayne H. Harvey
Douglas B. Hatmaker
Ferdinand Helm Jr.*
Harold C. Holly Jr.*
John Howell
James N. Howie, Jr.
Carl Huthsteiner*
Martin C. Hutt*
William B. Icke*
Charles W. Jefts*
Robert F. Jefts*
Samuel B. Jones*
O.H. Junggren
Norman D. Kathan*
Vernet C. Kauffman*
Robert Kingsbury
H. Stetson Kinkaid
Charles F. Kreitzer*
Ralph F. Krueger, Jr.
R.N. Landon
James F. Lawsing, Jr.
Donald G. Lehmann*
Gron Lloyd*
C. Beecher Lockwood
Joseph Lovell*
Robert B. Lowe*
David R. Lumgair*

Kenton S. Mac Intyre*
John N. Marcellus, Jr.
Harvey G. Marcy*
Jean Mather*
Philip Mathews*
Donald H. Middleton
Peter Paul Miller, Jr.
John R. Moon*
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George H. Moorhead Jr.*
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Richmond Moot*
Stewart Moot*
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John R. Newell*
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Henry B. Parker, Jr.
Jesse Perkins
Myron D. Phillips*
Noel F. Phillips
William W. Piper
Clark V. Poling
Charles Rasher
Ronald Rhude*
William H. Richards*
William C. Robbins*
William Rochelle, Jr.
Richard J. Rosa*
Hans M. Rozendaal
Walter C. Ryon
Harrison S. Sayre
John L. Schoolcraft, Jr.
David G. Schwenker
Ruth Seamans*
Ralph A. Segebarth*
Carl Settle*
Ursula (Sue) Settle*
Clayton E. Sheer*
David Sheldon*
Roger Sheldon*
Grant Smith
Kenyon Spalding*
Robert A. Stansell*
Van Aernan Stewart*
Roy Stratton
Robert Templeton
Mills Ten Eyck, Jr.
Peter Van A Ten Eyck
John E. Thomas*
Richard G. Tinnerholm*
Francis M. Townsend*
William Townsend*
William W. Tribby*
Harold P. Van Cott*
Horace S Van Voast, Jr.
Horace S Van Voast, III
Kenneth T. Vedder
Garrett A. Veeder
David V. Vrooman
John J. Vrooman, Jr.
George C. Von Borstel
Stewart C. Wagoner

Robert Warner*
James O. Warner*
Donald E. Weaver*
Clark Wemple
Arthur W. Wheeler
Arthur W. Wheeler, Jr.
William McKim White
James J. Willey*
Alan Williamson*
Malcolm Wilson, Jr.
Glenn H. Winchester
William T Winne
Allen J. Wood
Frederick A. Wyatt
John McM. Yates
John Younie*
Richard D. Zentmire*

Korean Conflict

David E. Bain
John Bestgen*
Arthur Casey
William Clock
William R. Collins
Clarence Countermine*
Jerry Griggs
John E. Kampf*
R. N. Landon
Harold Lapham
Thomas Lindsay
Hermann Lintner*
Robert A. Matz*
Douglas Phillips*
Alun Pritchard*
Eugene Rowland*
Daniel J. Thuener

Vietnam Era

Wayne Brule*
Roger Greenwood
John Hillers*
Vernon Hovey, Jr.*
Clarence Linder, Jr.
Maurice Robbins
George Trimarco

Gulf War

Richard Rose*
Afghanistan War
Max Della Pia
Dave Pizzolo

Iraq War

Alex Lindsay
Ronald P. Attanasio

* denotes former Union
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