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Calendar Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Due no later than 6 days after the calendar date)

Day in the Church Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT’S GOING ON HERE**

*“... just come to see me every day and let me remind you how much I care.”*

Eli the Maker to Punchinello in  
*You Are Special* by Max Lucado

We come to worship to be the community of Jesus, sharing in his love and sitting at his feet. We come with expectation that somehow, someday the Holy Spirit will give us insights or thoughts or questions (in any combination) for deepening our sense of God’s *hesed* (agape; unconditional attachment) to us.

- Worship is God’s gift - God the Father offering relationship (“our refuge and our strength<sup>1</sup>”).
- Worship is God’s gift - God the Son making the Father known<sup>2</sup> (“I am the way and the truth and the life<sup>3</sup>”).
- Worship is God’s gift - God the Holy Spirit inviting us<sup>4</sup> to come and sit at the feet of Jesus (He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life<sup>5</sup>) and keep on learning<sup>6</sup>.

Worship is a gift of grace, God’s restoring kindness coming to us through words of grace (bible readings, prayers, homilies, songs) and means of grace (the sacraments). However, we don’t come to worship looking to get something out of it! God forbid such a thought, because such a thought is putting US in the center. **We are not the center. God is the center.** We come to be loved and to love.

**Wow!** Use this space to record something you might underline or highlight in your Bible from today’s Scripture readings (by the way, you are allowed to write in and highlight in your Bible).

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**SCRIPTURE, IN YOUR OWN WORDS:** Imagine someone is having a tough time and wants to know something about God that will help them. You could show them the verse above and say, “Read this, it will help.” More helpful to your friend would be to tell them what this verse means to you, how it helps you. And so, you say: (Additional space available on the back.)

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 46:1  
<sup>2</sup> John 1:18  
<sup>3</sup> John 14:6  
<sup>4</sup> cf: Explanation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Creed - “but the Holy Spirit calls me”  
<sup>5</sup> John 14:6-7  
<sup>6</sup> John 16:12-15