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

Day in the Church Year: _____

WHAT’S GOING ON HERE IS . . .

“ . . . 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 strength¹”).
- Worship is God’s gift - God the Son making the Father known² (“I am the way and the truth and the life³”).
- Worship is God’s gift - God the Holy Spirit inviting us⁴ to come and sit at the feet of Jesus (He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life⁵) and keep on learning⁶.

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.

As the gift of worship unfolds and wraps us into God’s presence, there is much going on. Complete one of the two (or both, if you want to) following sentences:

In worship, why do we _____

I feel God’s love most in worship when _____

¹ Psalm 46:1

² John 1:18

³ John 14:6

⁴ cf: Explanation of the 3rd Article of the Creed - “but the Holy Spirit calls me”

⁵ John 14:6-7

⁶ John 16:12-15