

## ***“You are Precious in My Sight”***

***+ You are precious in my sight, you are honored,  
And I love you...Isaiah 43: 4***

*Today I am remembering God's personal love for me. I am blessed to be cherished by God. This is the blessing I will carry in my heart today as I listen the voice of the Beloved telling me that I am carved on the palm of God's hands.*

*(Isaiah 49: 16)*

*I enter into the experience of receiving God's deep love for me and hear His Divine voice whispering, **“You are precious in my sight and I love you.”***

*God's love for me takes on an even more intimate face as I listen to the words of the prophet Hosea. In these words God is speaking to Israel. I change Israel's story to my own and I am touched anew at the tenderness of God.*

*“When you were a child, I loved you. I called you out of slavery. Yet, the more I called you, the further you went from me. It was I who taught you to walk. It was I, who took you in my arms: I drew you with human cords, with bands of love. I fostered you like an infant. I raised you to my cheek. Yet, though I stooped to feed you my child, you did not know that I was your healer.” (Hosea 11: 1-4)*

***O God of so much Tenderness***, you have cared for me since my birth. What a mysterious being I am, for the more I am loved the further away I sometimes turn. Today I say, **“No more!”** No more will I turn away from your compassionate love. I settle quietly into this moment to contemplate your love for me. I surrender to your will. I let you love me. Your constant pursuing love has shaped me into your magnificent work of art. Amen

***Read Isaiah 43: 1-4***