Memorize & Ponder

June 5, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 7:15 (Full Reading – Luke 7:11-17) Week of May 29 - June1, 2016

The Power to Revive

Luke 7:15 (NRSV)

"The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother."

Throughout the Christian year of 2016, until Advent, we will be focusing on the theme of 'Following Jesus in a Fearful and Divided World.' Our Scripture readings and Memorize & Ponder texts will be taken from the Gospels of Luke and John. We invite you to **listen** for what the Spirit is saying in the text, then **question** how those insights might change the ways you see things and act in the world. Share your thoughts during the week on the meaning the Spirit creates for you in this text by posting a comment on our website – www.brentwoodpc.ca.

Ponderings for the Friends of Jesus

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... (Hebrews 10:23-25a)

A Word for the Friends of Jesus to Ponder = Revive

If the theme of healing was mysterious, now we face theme of death.

Luke's story is of a son being raised from the dead and being returned to his widowed mother.

The crowd feared him and glorified him, recognizing that a great prophet was among them and that God was looking favourably on his people. They then spread the news of his words and acts.

I don't understand what happens after death.

I face death trusting in God's promise,
especially as Paul conveys it in Romans 8:37-39,
that nothing will separate us from the love of God.

Whatever form the next phase of our lives takes, it involves the possibility, indeed the probability, of a closer, more conscious, relationship with the Creator of the universe, who fashioned us from dust and breathed into us so that we could bless his world with him.

It is that mission and that relationship that is revived.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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