

Memorize & Ponder

May 29, 2016 – 10th Sunday after Easter

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 7:7

(Full Reading – Luke 7:1-10)

Week of May 22-29, 2016

The Power to Heal

Luke 7:7 (NRSV)

“... I did not presume to come to you.
But only speak the word,
and let my servant be healed.”

*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 = Healing

It is, perhaps, a mark
of our culture’s way of understanding things
that we see healing
as dealing with purely physical things.
Heal my cancer, or that of my friend or loved one.
Heal my infection, or that of my friend or loved one.
Heal the virus that has infected my body,
or that of my friend or loved one.

Even in the field of psychiatry,
dealing with dis-eases of the emotions and the intellect,
people simply get pills to alter their body’s chemistry.

In the Scriptures, there is a different take on healing.
The most important dimension of healing
has to do with our relationship with God.
We are whole and healthy
when we love God with our whole being,
and love others and ourselves in the same way.
From that strength of soul,
well-being as a friend of Jesus arises and flourishes.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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