

## ***Memorize & Ponder***

**Oct 9, 2016 – Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 17:15-16  
(Full Readings – Ps 111 & Luke 17:11-19)  
Week of Oct 2-9, 2016**

**A 10% Gratitude Ratio**

### **Luke 17:15-16 (NRSV)**

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed,  
turned back, praising God with a loud voice.  
He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him.  
And he was a Samaritan.

*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](http://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 = Thanksgiving**

It's hard to capture the essence of Christianity  
in a few words.  
But let's be bold and try.

### ***The Christian faith is gratitude for God's grace***

This rhythm of grace and gratitude  
is a good swing to get into  
as we follow Jesus  
as his friends.

Everything we enjoy comes to us  
as a gift from God.  
We are invited to exercise loving stewardship  
in caring for those gifts  
and using them to heal and bless the creation.

As we will sing next Sunday,  
"For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God."

### **Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week**

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