Memorize & Ponder

Nov 6, 2016 – Remembrance Sunday

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 20:36 (Full Readings – Ps 17:1-9 & Luke 20:27-38) Week of Oct 23-30, 2016

Being Children of the Resurrection

Luke 20:36 (NRSV)

Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.

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 = Remembrance Day

We are beginning to confront the hell of war in ways never known before.

Pictures of the battles are more vivid and frequent.
The voices of the victims are being heard.
The psychological and spiritual impact of war on all those involved are being better understood.
The prevalence of this gross misuse of our creaturely freedom is being acknowledged.

These wars are not video-games.

This is real blood, and guts, and death.

It is sickening, in every dimension of our beings.

But what is the Christian response?
In many cases, we've approved of war,
to some degree,
as a necessary evil to preserve freedom and restore peace.
In Christian thought, it's often called a "just war."

But can there be such a thing? That's what I'm pondering this week. I hope you will join me.

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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