



Faith United  
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in Farmers Branch

# Words of Faith

March 2021

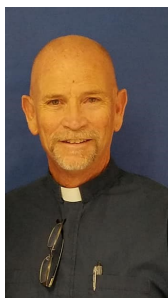
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*Glorify God, grow disciples, and  
meet the needs of our neighbors.*

## From the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

*To want is to will, to desire. What is  
your will? What is your desire?*



What do you want? Last week, most of us wanted heat and water, and warmer temperatures. This week we got warmer temperatures! However, I still want

water! As we watch the images stream before us, apparently there are many who have a similar want – or is this a need?

To want is to will, to desire. What is your will? What is your desire?

Barbara and I have a strong desire to receive the COVID vaccination. We often contrast our wants with needs. We are told needs are necessary and worthy; we are told wants are not necessary and excess. As humans, we actually do need water. Yet, we also want water. The vaccination also seems to be a need.

Jesus acknowledged that we have wants. “If any want to become my followers, . . .” Some wants are good;

some wants hold us in bondage.

Sometimes, our wants express our desire to have control in life. Our lived experiences, however, reveal how allusive actual control is in our daily living. Just as tempting, is to see control as a need – allowing us to experience meaning, hope, joy, deliverance, healing, comfort, refuge, strength, allowing us to be a part of changing the world for the good.

These are things we desire, we want, and we need.

What do you want? What do you desire? Into this discussion of wants, Jesus raises the need of self-denial and cross-bearing. These are not easy. To deny self is to place the priorities, purposes and path of Jesus in place of our own. To bear the cross is to be willing to experience the consequences of faithful living. To follow Jesus is to travel to unknown destinations that promise to be both dangerous and life-giving. I can't

pretend that I have gotten close to this kind of costly discipleship. Yet, this is my want, and this is my need. Lent reminds us of the need and want for God to put to death our sinful selves, wills and wants. So that the Holy Spirit might raise up Christ, raise up new life, give birth to a new creation in our hearts, allowing us to be a part of changing the world for the good. What do you want?

I hope to see you Sundays via Facebook or YouTube.

Let me know of any needs and wants. Let's continue to choose kindness and compassion; let's love as Christ loved. Let's do justice and make peace. Let's be the light of Christ in this world of darkness. Let's persevere in prayer.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Ken*

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## Outreach &amp; Evangelism

Debbie Rainier



The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offerings will be received through Easter, April 4. Whether giving online or via check please designate your offering by noting it for “OGHS.”

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Thank you in advance for your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

This year marks the 50th anniversary for **Metrocrest Services** assisting individuals living in Carrollton, Addison, Farmers Branch, Coppell and Dallas (75287) in Denton County.

Last year **Metrocrest Services** provided: 2,207,048 meals to neighbors experiencing food insecurity, 1,429 households received emergency rent or lodging assistance, provided rides for seniors and adults with disabilities, 6,030 home delivered meals to seniors, and 146 minor home repairs to keep seniors in their homes. Faith United donates to **Metrocrest Services** each year at the Keyholder Breakfast.



### Holy Week & Easter @ FUPC

Sunday, 3/28 **Lenten Bible Study class** at 9:30 a.m.  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**, Worship at 11 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Worship**, April 1 at 7 p.m.  
with Communion via Facebook Live & YouTube channel.



**Easter Sunday**, 4/4 worship at 11 a.m. We look forward to a “drive-in” joint Easter Celebration with Iglesia Presbiteriana Emmanuel. Weather permitting we will encourage people to sit outside of cars socially distant. Dust off the lawn chairs and stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

## Happy Birthday!

### March 5

\* Kevin Miller

### March 8

\* Susan Saiter

### March 9

\* Chris West

### March 12

\* Erin West

### March 13

\* Brenda Swindle

### March 25

\* Wayne Saunders

### March 26

\* Glenn Craig

### March 30

\* Scott Sloey



### Rehab/At Home:

♥ Freddie Simmons

### Prayers for:

♥ Dale Durcholz

♥ Kathie Heffler

♥ Roger Jones

♥ Mike Jones

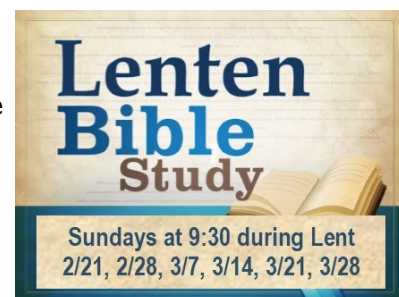
♥ Dennis Van Deventer

**Next newsletter is April 2021. Deadline for articles, Friday, March 19.**

**Contact church office or Brenda Swindle via email to submit articles.**

**Lenten Bible Study** continues, led by Pastor Ken.

**Living the Faith in Troubling Times** The study focuses on I Peter, which applies the principles of Christian conduct to a specific community living out the faith in troubling times. Therefore, this letter has something important to say about our engagement with our current troubling times. The relationship between Christian and culture is an overarching theme of I Peter. Pastor Ken will post a video each week during Lent on the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel on Saturday mornings. Expect updates and links to be on the website: [www.FaithUnited-pc.com](http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com) or the Faith United YouTube channel.



### Order Form for Lilies

It is time to place your order for Easter Lilies. We will take orders until Wednesday, March 31. Please print your **specific** dedication/sentiment. You may mail this form with payment attached to the church office by March 31. Please note **"for Lilies"** in the memo section if paying by check.

I (we) wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ lilies at \$11.00 each.  
Quantity

### Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment (include check #)

\_\_\_\_\_ Wish to pay later

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following dedication(s) for my (our) Easter Lilies.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

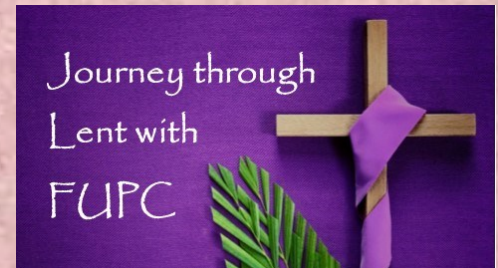




## Online Worship @ Faith United

Sunday, 3/7 **Lenten Bible Study class** at 9:30 a.m.  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**, Communion Worship at 11 a.m.

Sunday, 3/14 **Lenten Bible Study class** at 9:30 a.m.  
**4th Sunday in Lent**, Worship at 11 a.m.  
Stated Session meeting, via Zoom at 1 p.m.



Sunday, 3/21 **Lenten Bible Study class** at 9:30 a.m. **5th Sunday in Lent**, Worship at 11 a.m.  
Sunday, 3/28 **Lenten Bible Study class** at 9:30 a.m. **Palm/Passion Sunday**, Worship at 11 a.m.

All worship services and classes available via Facebook Live or on Faith United's YouTube channel. Worship resources available at [www.FaithUnited-pc.com](http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com)

## Online Worship Continues

You will find Worship Guides and resources on our website:

[www.FaithUnited-pc.com](http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com)



You will see the logos (right) on the website and can choose which method with which you would like to worship.



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