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*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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Service of Worship

June 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

O Lord, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Welcome

Prelude

"Prelude in D"

J. S. Bach

Choral Introit

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Kurt Haas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O Lord let our souls rise up to meet you,

People: As the day rises to meet the sun.

Leader: Glory to God the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn No. 293**

"This Is My Father's* World"
(*Maker's)

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Clover Beal
Lord, we have nothing to fear in your presence but we feel the presence of fear everywhere; fear of others, fear of the future, fear of the diagnosis. It is this fear that keeps us from living boldly. It is fear that keeps us from trusting. Forgive us. May the light of your love cast out the darkness of our fear and set us free. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)* Felciano

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

Assurance of Pardon

*** Song of Praise**
“Shine on Me” (refrain)
Shine on me, shine on me; Jesus, shine on me.
Through the darkness of my heart, Jesus, shine on me.

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

Sacrament of Baptism for Edwin Benard Vason, Jr.

Welcoming Prayer
Edwin Bernard, you are a beloved child of God. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to this family of faith. We are all one in Christ. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn No. 499**
“Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed”
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson Genesis 22: 1-14
After the reading
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.
“Between Horror and Hope”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer *please use debts, debtors*

Ritual of Friendship *all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance*

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory Sweden, arr. C. Young
“Open Your Doors”

*** Response** Hymn No. 432
May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

*** Closing Hymn No. 372**
“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude* C. S. Lang
“Tuba Tune”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers
The flowers today are given in honor of Todd Webster and Vikki Nowak’s 2nd anniversary; and by Peggy Skelly in memory of loved ones.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Doris Brandt, George Dean, Joy Ferguson, Dorothy Hales, Peggy Sasso, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Elizabeth Kosnik, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Millie Skeivis, Anne Taylor

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month's **TOWER**.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Edwin Benard Vason, Jr., son of Edwin and December Vason. Barbara Cloud, great-grandmother, is the attending Elder. Edwin's godparents are Autumn McIlwin and LaMeeka Vason.

This Month's Ushers

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

Enjoy Coffee Hour in the Courtyard

Weather permitting, tables will be in the courtyard so you may enjoy coffee, donuts and fellowship outside.

Summer Bible Study

Today, 9 am: Sowers and Seeds (John Lentz)

Softball

FHC 1 vs FHC 2, Monticello MS, 3:30 pm
No games July 3

Senior Recital by Jack Lentz

This afternoon at 4:00 pm, Jack Lentz will give his senior vocal recital. Jack is a recent graduate of Heights High. He sang with the renowned Heights High Barbershoppers, Heights Singers, and Heights A Capella Choir. He has participated in the annual Heights High musicals, concluding with the part of Lumiere in last fall's production of **Beauty and the Beast**. Jack will be attending Kent State University in the fall, exploring many areas including musical theater.

All are welcome to attend the recital. Anne Wilson will accompany Jack as he sings songs from classical to Broadway.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Choir

Come sing in the Summer Choir! Rehearsals are held at 9:30 am every Sunday before the 10:00 am worship service. The music is easy to learn, and singers of all ages (even babes in arms) are most welcome to participate (non-singing children /parents /spouses /significant others are welcome to sit with you). No hot choir robes – just come as you are. Bring the whole family and experience the worship service from “the other side.” The Summer Choir sings every Sunday during June and July.

Bible Study, Summer Vacation Version

Let's preserve our Biblical literacy this summer by gathering at 9:00 am on the following Sundays for a discussion of parables. Come to any or all – no preparation required! Dates and facilitators are:

July 10 – Lost Sheep and Lost Coin (Clover Beal)

July 17 – The Workers in the Vineyard (Tom Zych)

Summer Pathways

Summer Pathways, for children who will enter grades 1 – 6 in the fall, meets next Sunday. Children should meet in the Art Room on the lower CE level.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nursery

Looking to hold a baby? How about a snack of animal crackers? Remember how much fun it was to build a tower of blocks....then knock it down? If this all sounds like a good time to you, then our nursery is hoping you will volunteer to help care for our babies and toddlers this summer. Please contact the church office or Liz Wollaeger (lizw@fhcpresb.org) to sign up for a Sunday or two.

Care Group

The Jordan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during June. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care Group leaders.

★ Members of this month's Care Group are:

Debbie Adrine, Deacon and Leader	Mary McMillan
Betsy and Joe Andrews	Jon Newton
Chessie Bleick	Frank Ragone
Dale and Elaine Dannefer	Linda Rainey
Sally Davis	the Schellenberg family
Ralph and Kathy Dise	Jim and Pat Seeders
Kaye Gardiner	Dalma Takacs
Ron and Marcia Grant	Grace Uhle
the Heineman family	Tori Weisberg and family
Colleen and Christian Hunter	Pat and Ray Weissbrod
Carl Jenks	Becky and Brian West and family
Ellen McChesney	Marilyn Wilk
	Diana and Ted Woodbridge

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s)

The Group will watch Lake County Captains play the Lansing Lugnuts on Saturday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. As a bonus there are post-game fireworks. Please contact Jane and Chuck Ishler (216/382-7590 or chasish@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot with a payment of \$9 per person due by Sunday, June 26. Tickets will be distributed prior to the game.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Movie Night– 7 pm at Severance Center

Next Sunday: Picnic and water play at Kristen and Brian's, July 3, 1-4 pm. Bring dessert, drinks or a side dish, plus a super-soaker, to **5507 Huron Rd., Lyndhurst**. Youth, families and friends are invited.

Looking Ahead: The Mid High Summer Retreat is July 29-31, 2011. We will be heading to the Logan's cabin near Peek'n Peak resort. We will swim, hike, play mini golf, study the Bible, worship and have tons of fun. The retreat is open to rising 6th-8th graders. The cost per youth for the weekend retreat is \$50. Sign up now to reserve your spot!

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-29, 58-67; Psalm 45: 10-17; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study. Links to the readings for each Sunday appear on the church's Facebook page, the **Upcoming Sundays** page of our website (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>), and on the "Sundays in June" page of the **TOWER**.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■ ■ ■ *Calendar: June 26 – July 3, 2011*

Sunday, June 26 8:00 Nominating Committee 9:00 Summer Bible Study 9:30 Continental Breakfast Summer Choir 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Edwin Vason 11:30 Tour of HRRC 3:30 Softball: FHC 1 vs FHC 2, MMS 4:00 Recital: Jack Lentz 7:00 Youth: Movie Night Monday, June 27 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout troop #403 Tuesday, June 28 Portraits of Homelessness Exhibit opens	Wednesday, June 29 7:15 am Bible and Bagels 6:30 pm Personnel mtg Thursday, June 30 7:00 pm NOAH mtg Youth Hour @ Phoenix Coffee Hs Friday, July 1 9:30 am Al Anon Sunday, July 3 9:30 Continental Breakfast Summer Choir 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 1:00 All-Youth cookout @ Kristen's Monday, July 4 The office is closed for Independence Day
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Lydia Bailey's Portraits of Homelessness exhibit features 40 photographs and stories of the residents served by the 2100 Lakeside Men's Emergency Homeless Shelter.

Ms. Bailey, Coordinator of Volunteers at the 2100 Shelter explains, "I have been able to see these men not as an abstract problem, but as individuals with concerns and hopes like yours and mine. Through this show, I hope to convey their gifts and vital personalities as well as the hopeless, confusing, fearful human elements of homelessness."

According to Michael Sering, Director of Housing & Shelter at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, "In these portraits of homelessness we can see a powerful microcosm of humanity and society- strength and frailty, brokenness and resilience, hope and sorrow, and indeed potential."

Genesis 22: 1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.



But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”