

OFFERTORY "I Shall Not Want" Gene Clarke

***DOXOLOGY** *We give you but your own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

FAREWELL *(insert)* Rev. Dan Busch

***HYMN OF DEPARTURE** "We Are Called to Be God's People" No. 580

***PARTING WORDS AND COMMISSION**

***POSTLUDE** Festal Chorus from "Judas Maccabeus" George F. Hande
***Denotes those who are able are invited to stand**Depart to serve

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Rev. Ed Bray, D. Min., Pastor	Kara Birt, Interim Christian Ed Coordinator
Jim Huckemeyer, Interim Director of Music	Cynthia Hanover, Choir Pianist
Ann Vogel, Organist	Andrea Spencer, Organist
Tom Hevlin, Organist Emeritus	Julie Speckman, Church School Superintendent
Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant	Bob Schumacher, Custodian
Rich Spencer, Audio and Video	Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
Amy & Mark Dieringer, Youth Directors	Amy Dieringer and Kayla Tangeman, Sunday Nursery Supervisors
Jeanette and Terry Tangeman, Back Bay Missionaries	

Liturgist (10:30).....Rev. Ed Bray
Acolytes (10:30)..... Confirmands
Children's Offering.....1st and 2nd Grades
Missionaries.....Members of our Congregation

Our Giving to God April 1, 2018
Current - \$6709.57 and Mission - \$425.00
Attendance – 91 (6:45 a.m.) and 210 (10:30 a.m.)

*The altar flowers today are given by Sue Schumacher in loving memory of
her mother, Mary Poppe, in observance of her heavenly birthday.*

*We want to welcome Rev. Dan Busch, Association Minister of the Northwest Ohio Association Ohio
Conference of The United Church of Christ, who is our guest today. He will be leading us in the Farewell
Service2*

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
"We Shine For All Through Christ"
St. Marys, Ohio

April 8, 2018 Second Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m.
Order of Service

ENTER TO WORSHIP
MUSIC FOR MEDITATION
CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Announcements Joys and Concerns of our Church Family
Introduction of Guests Anniversaries

PRELUDE "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Chris Neal

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the shadow of resurrection
People: we will live out our faith.
Leader: In the crumbs of broken bread
People: we will proclaim our savior risen.
Leader: In the wine of the supper
People: we will trust the promise of grace.
Leader: In the community at the empty tomb
People: we will believe what the world does not.
Leader: In the gravestone now rolled away
People: we will break out in the joy of resurrection.

*OPENING HYMN "To God Be the Glory" No. 66

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

God of resurrection, it can be too simple to leave Easter as one exciting, chocolate-filled day, and then to slip back into the ho-hum of everyday living. Draw us out of our everyday into the extraordinary of being Easter people, of hearing stories of resurrection, and so of the experiencing each day a new awareness of the presence of the risen Christ in our lives. Amen.

ANTHEM "Why?" Lani Smith

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, amen, amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Leader: The Peace of God be with you.
People: And also with you.
(People offer God's peace to those nearby.)

(Those of you who are new among us today, please fill in the Welcome card that you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate - Thank you!)

SERMON HYMN "I Then Shall Live" verses 1 and 2 No. 372
Children's Chat (ALL children are welcome)
Sermon Hymn verse 3

SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 1:3-11 Rev. Ed Bray

RESPONSE "His Name Is Wonderful" No. 102
"His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord; he is the mighty King, Master of everything, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord."

SERMON "The Last Sermon" Rev. Ed Bray

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ!

- ✚ **NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL TODDLER CARE** - For your convenience, we have a staffed nursery located in the educational building. Should it become necessary for you to leave the sanctuary during worship, you can view the morning service on the TV in the nursery.
PLEASE NOTE - Only Newborn to Kindergarten age children are permitted in the Nursery during our morning worship service to allow safety for the newborns and toddlers. Children 1st Grade and older need to remain in the church and enjoy a Quiet Bag. Thank you for your understanding
- ✚ **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE** rest room is located on the sanctuary level near the elevette room and it also contains a baby changing table.
- ✚ **ENLARGED BULLETINS & HEARING DEVICES** - available if needed (consult an usher).
- ✚ **TELEVISED WORSHIP SERVICE** - our worship service here at St. Paul's is shown on **TSC cable** - **Digital channel 1** or **non-digital channel 2**, every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is a one-week delay of the service shown.
- ✚ **RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN** - on the registers at the North and South entrances you will see a tray where you can place your bulletin to be recycled (if you do not wish to take it home). Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday	8:00 am	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Bray
	11:30 am	Rev. Bray's retirement luncheon
	6-8 pm	Youth Group
Mon.	11:00 am	Church office opens
Tues.	10:00 am	Hannah Circle
	6:30 pm	Consistory Mtg.
Wed.	9:00 am	Quilting
Thurs.	4:30-6 pm	Breaking Bread Community Meal
Sat.	7:00 pm	Weekly Community Prayer Walk @ The ROC
Next Sun.	8:00 am	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Dr. Doug Williamson
	11:30 am	Meet and greet with Rev. Dr. Doug Williamson in the Elevette Room
	6:00-8 pm	Youth Group

"BREAKING BREAD" COMMUNITY MEAL - St. Paul's offers a weekly free community

meal, "Breaking Bread" every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Desserts are always appreciated. Contact Cindy Huckemeyer (567.356.7683) if you have any questions.

Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!!! Interested in camp this summer? The 2018 summer camp registration portal is now open!

Visit <https://ohioucc.campbrainregistration.com/> to register for camp! There are opportunities available for people of all ages, so check your calendar and get ready for a summer of fun! Be sure to check out the Outdoor Ministries page on the Conference website (<http://www.ohioucc.org/outdoor-ministries/>) for helpful information as you begin to plan for camp!

ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. PAUL'S

Let's get together and have some fun with Spring theme "Paint and Sip" (lemonade, soda, water, etc.). No experience or talent needed! There will be a \$20 fee to cover materials that will be provided. Step-by-step instruction will be offered. Come join us on Sunday, April 15th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. here at the church in Fellowship Hall. Supplies are limited, **RESERVE YOUR SPOT** and contact either Billie Marsee at (419) 394-8658 or Neva Rowen at (419) 305-7324.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) **Women's Guild is looking for someone to head up the funeral committee.** This position involves contacting the circle chairperson and those who will serve the dinner, ordering the food that is purchased, sending a thank you for monetary donations, etc. For more information contact Jane Nuss or Kris Vanderhorst.
- 2) **Women's Guild is in need of helpers for our monthly Bingo!** If you are interested in helping out, please contact Janice Katterheinrich at (419) 394-3264. The next scheduled Bingo is: March 12, 2018 at Otterbein from 6:00-7:00p

BUSY NEEDLES NEEDS MORE MEMBERS: Busy Needles meet in the old kitchen on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to ?? We knot lap robes and comforters for local nursing homes, VA hospitals, Shriners hospitals in Cincinnati and Lexington, Ky., and anyone in need to keep warm. We are looking for anyone wanting to help with this Mission. We are nearing a goal of 9000 lap robes and afghans. If you can thread a needle, we need you. Thanks for everyone who has donated fabric and yarn to this Mission. It is through the donations of many this program has continued for over 35 years. It only costs the church for the electricity we use in 3 to 4 hours. For

more information, call Margaret 419-733-4332.

GREETING

Rev. Busch

Our church family is constantly changing.

People come and go.

Babies are born. Children grow up.

People commit themselves to one another.

**Loved ones and friends among us
come to the end of their lives.**

Individuals move into our community and church life.

**Others leave us, moving away to new places,
new experiences, and new opportunities.**

**It is important and right
that we recognize these times of passage,
of endings and beginnings.**

**Today we share the time of farewell
with a friend who is leaving.**

ENDING AN AUTHORIZED MINISTRY

RECOGNITION OF THE END

Rev. Busch

This local church called Eddie A. Bray, Jr. to serve as Pastor beginning January 1, 2008.

Rev. Bray

I thank St. Paul's United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last ten years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

People

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Rev. Bray

I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

VOWS OF RELEASE

Rev. Busch

Do you, the members and friends of St. Paul's United Church of Christ release Eddie Bray from the duties of Pastor?

People

We do, with the help of God.

Rev. Busch

Do you offer your encouragement for his ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

People

We do with the help of God.

Rev. Busch

Do you, Eddie Bray, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Rev. Bray

I do, with the help of God.

Rev. Busch

Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Rev. Bray

I do, with the help of God.

WITNESS OF THE ASSOCIATION/CONFERENCE

Rev. Busch

On behalf of the Northwest Ohio Association, Ohio Conference and the United Church of Christ, I witness to words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our Association and Conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

Officers

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

Rev. Busch

Let us pray.

All

God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (see bulletin)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Busch

Go now, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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