

## **The Order of Worship for a Wedding Ceremony**

The basic order of service for weddings consists of the following:

1. Prelude (music selections decided upon by couple with input from church musician)
2. Processional
3. Welcome, Greeting and Prayer
4. Scripture Readings (see list provided below)
5. Meditation / Sermon
6. Music / Solo (if desired)
7. Vow Introduction
8. Vows (couple can select vows, write vows with Pastoral input)
9. Blessing and Exchange of Rings
10. Declaration of Marriage
11. Lighting of Unity Candle (Music / Solo if desired)
12. Prayers, Lord's Prayer (if not sung), Benediction
13. Presentation of Couple (how would you like to be introduced)
14. Recessional (in consultation with musician, couple decides music)
15. Postlude

### **Scripture Readings**

From the list below please select two readings from the Old Testament / New Testament and one Gospel Reading for a total of three readings.

#### **Old Testament Psalms**

Psalm 33  
Psalm 34  
Psalm 37  
Psalm 100  
Psalm 103  
Psalm 127  
Psalm 128  
Psalm 136  
Psalm 145  
Psalm 150

#### **Other Old Testament Readings**

Genesis 1:26-31  
Genesis 2:18-24  
Song of Solomon 2:10-13  
Song of Solomon 8:7  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
Isaiah 63:7-9  
Isaiah 54:5-8  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hosea 2:16-20

#### **New Testament Gospels**

Matthew 5:13-16  
Matthew 19:4-6  
Mark 10:6-9  
Mark 12:28-31  
John 2:1-11  
John 15:9-17

#### **Other New Testament Readings**

Romans 8:31-39  
Romans 12:1-2  
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Ephesians 5:21-33  
Colossians 3:12-17  
1 John 4:7-12  
Revelation 19:1, 5-9a

We discourage the use of non-Christian materials at weddings.

### Vows

Wedding vows reflect the complete sharing that marriage implies and a commitment that is life-long. Below are listed four examples of wedding vows. You can select one of these, write your own, or allow the Pastor to select an appropriate vow.

1. I take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife/husband from this day forward, to join with you and to share all that is to come and, with the help of God, I promise to be faithful to you, and to care for you as long as we both shall live.
2. I take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife/husband. With the help of God and before these witnesses, I promise to be your faithful husband/wife, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to forgive and to strengthen you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.
3. I take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife/husband and with God's help, these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help and care for you; I will share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you better to understand ourselves, the world, and God through the best and worst that is to come until death parts us.
4. I take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife/husband from this time onward, to join with you and to share with you all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond and in all circumstances of our life together with the help of God, I promise to be loyal to you with my whole life and with all of my being until death parts us.