

## ***THINKING ABOUT YOUR WEDDING SERVICE***

Before meeting with your pastor to discuss the ceremony, think about what your ceremony means to you and what theme/idea/image you want it to be centered around. How will the things most important to you be reflected in your service? What will your guests be blessed with by being there?

The theme we want to lift up at our wedding service, through music, God's Word and the wedding message:

Titles of hymns or solos we might want to include:

Scripture lessons we are thinking about:

Other readings:

If you are choosing to write your own prayer petitions or vows, include them here. Keep your theme in mind!

## Wedding Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Greeting (Pastor)

Declaration of Intention (Pastor)

Prayer (Pastor)

Scripture Reading (s)

Solo or Hymn (optional)

Gospel Reading or other Reading (optional)

Wedding Message/Meditation (Pastor, usually 5 – 7 min long)

Solo or Hymn (optional)

Marriage Vows

Exchange of Rings

Acclamation (Pastor)

Unity Candle (optional)

Presentation of Roses (optional)

Solo (optional)

Wedding Blessing (Pastor)

Prayer (Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

Presentation of Couple (introduce as \_\_\_\_\_)

Recessional

Postlude

***Suggested Marriage Vows***

The following are some standard wedding vows. A great place to start.

1. I take you, (name), to be my wife/husband from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.



2. I take you, (name), to be my wife/husband. I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful wife/husband, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to forgive and strengthen you and to join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.



3. I take you, (name) to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be faithful and honest with you; I will respect and trust, help and care for you; I will honor you with my body; I will share my life with you; I will forgive as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you to better understand ourselves, the world and God; through the best and the worst of what is to come as long as we live.



4. I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy plan and thereto I pledge to you my faithfulness.



5. In the presence of God and this community, I,(name), take you, (name), to be my wife/husband; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.