

Fundamental Union

Minister:

Where the sublime is done, there rests the Divine. The sacred web binding of the flowering of one life with another makes common weave and common wealth for all. No kind is apart, nor to itself sufficient. As I treat the weakest and plainest of creatures, so will I be judged.

Our treasure and trust are the children. They are due a wholesome and learned growth, and, given these, will rightly honor their elders.

These waters are my cradle, the land is my garden, the sky is my blanket. These are my sustenance, and worthy of devotion. The earth is bountiful without measure. My sowing and reaping will be mindful for the harvest of the far generations. My mind, my body, and my spirit are equally deserving of care.

The wedding of this woman and this man, each to each other, is a solemn and luminous paring. The way of their path is theirs alone to choose, and none may intrude. But they will honor love as the clear wellspring of commitment, and truth, of the community.

What is our purpose and why are we set in this place? Our purpose is to make greater the portion of the sublime giving to our time and place. Our purpose is to unite _____ and _____ in holy matrimony. Our purpose is to confirm the joys of love and commitment before God and this congregation.

Minister to Bride:

Do you, _____, take _____ to be your lawfully wedded husband?

Bride:

I do.

Minister to Groom:

Do you, _____, take _____ to be your lawfully wedded wife?

Groom:

I do.

Ring Ceremony.

Minister:

Before God and this congregation, and with the powers vested in me by the state of _____, I now pronounce you husband and wife.