

TYPICAL ORDER OF SERVICE FOR A NON-DENOMINATIONAL WEDDING CEREMONY

Officiated by the Reverend Robin L. Zucker

PRELUDE MUSIC * - to be selected by the couple and musician

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC * - often in two parts: music for the wedding party to process, followed by a pause and special processional music for the bride.

WELCOME AND ADDRESS: composed and delivered by Rev. Zucker (incorporating personal details about the couple)

READINGS *: often two readings are selected. You can choose from the resources provided or from other sources of your choosing, including Scripture. The couple also selects the readers, often members of the wedding party, close friends or family members. Readers should receive copies of their readings in ample time to practice.

If there is a VOCALIST, this is a good place for a song *.

INTRODUCTION TO THE VOWS - Rev. Zucker

EXCHANGE OF VOWS *: Couple may select wording for their vows from the resource packet or other sources. Couple may opt to write personal vows in lieu of repeated vows, or combine the two: personal vows, followed by repeated traditional vows. You may combine elements of different “vow” examples to suit your needs. (Rev. Zucker will speak the vows in short sections and have them repeated by the groom and bride)

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EXCHANGE OF THE RINGS *: Couple may select ring exchange words from the packet or from other sources of their choosing. You may combine elements of examples to suit your needs.

UNITY CANDLE, WINE CEREMONY * and other special touches/MUSICAL INTERLUDE : If the couple chooses to include a unity candle, wine ceremony, or other touches such as a sand ceremony, hand-fasting or any other meaningful ritual, it would occur here. See resource packet for examples and discuss other options with Officiant. If such a ceremony occurs, this is a good place for a brief musical interlude.

CEREMONIES INVOLVING CHILDREN *: If the bride and/or groom wish to include a unity ceremony for a new “family” coming together through this marriage.

PRONOUNCEMENT: Rev. Zucker

BLESSING AND CLOSING WORDS: Rev. Zucker

RECESSIONAL * - Music selected by the couple and musician.

* service elements selected by wedding couple