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Dear Families and Friends of the Bride and Groom,

What an honor and a privilege it is for me to officiate this union. I couldn't be happier to join these two in their forever commitment to one another, and I know they couldn't be happier to have us here with them to help celebrate this most special occasion.

Before we begin, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge the ancestral lands upon which we gather.

These ancestral lands belong to the Lenape...

- Miki Gives Land Acknowledgment
 - (LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT)

Separate

- Andy and Kim have requested we start the ceremony with a moment of silence to invite in the peace and serenity they wish to bring to their future union.
 - Moment of silence

We will now hear a reading from Terri...

- Terri reads
- Miki Speaks

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Love. The word brings so many things to mind. Of course, there's the love one has for their families and friends, or the sweet and boundless love a parent has for a child. This

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simple/ four-letter word/ can fill your heart/ with a joy/ so pure/ and a strength/ so unparalleled/ that you are left feeling there's nothing you can't do/ or be in life.

However/ as much as love gives/ love also asks a lot in return/ It asks us to be vulnerable when being vulnerable scares us/ Love asks us to trust/ even though/ we've been hurt at times/ Love asks us to be open/ honest/ and willing to communicate/ when maybe/ all we want to do is shut the door/ and walk away/ Love asks us to be respectful/ and kind/ and to try and do our very best to be happy/ for ourselves/ and for the relationship/ Never shall we forget/ that love is work/ sacrifice/ and compromise/ but in the end/ to love and to loved/ is one of life's greatest gifts.

To be the reason someone smiles/ laughs/ or holds your hand in contented silence/ is what so many people strive for in life/ but not everyone achieves or finds it. To be able to show/ share/ and reveal/ the true you/ to someone else and have it be respected/ protected/ and free of judgment is rare/ and not to be taken for granted/ for above all else/ love should be honored and cherished, ~~and it should be~~

Which brings us to the love/ we are here to celebrate today. I'm so happy these two unique/ beautiful/ and wonderful people/ have found each other and can be all of these things/ and so much more for one another/ It's plain as day/ now much they mean to one another/ I know in my heart of hearts/

this is a union which will withstand the tests of time with a love which will be honored and cherished.

• DECLARATIONS

- Do you CHARLES ANDREW MOORE and KIMBERLY SUSAN BELK come here freely without hesitation to accept one another as your one true love and lawfully wedded spouse? (I DO)
- Do you promise to share your life and continue to build your home as a place of love laughter & happiness? (I DO)
- Do you promise to be each other's best friend champion and provide support humor and compassion throughout all the joys and pains of your lives? (I DO)
- Do you promise to accept and continue to acknowledge each other where you each are? (I DO)
- Do you promise to encourage within each other the freedom to be yourself in fullness for as long as you both shall live? (I DO)

The bride and groom have now prepared some vows that they would like to share.

RINGS

- [Miki] hands ring to andy and states [repeat after me:]
- This ring is a symbol of our unity and my love for you/ each day I wear it is a reminder of my commitment to you and to our life together.
- [Miki] hands ring to kim and states [repeat after me:]
- This ring is a symbol of our unity and my love for you/ each day I wear it is a reminder of my commitment to you and to our life together.

[Miki]

- As they wear these rings throughout their lives/ may their hearts be filled with compassion and gratitude/ May their hearts grow in truth/ in balance/ in humor and joy/

May they know paths in their joined lives bathed in
beauty love and grace May they walk with guidance on
their journey together. May they stay grounded always in
deeply shared joy love and harmony May all the
fortunes of life health and happiness shine on you both
for the rest of your days.

- By the power vested in me by the State and City of NY
and the Universal Life Church, I now pronounce you
joined in union forever!
- Please kiss and make it official!
- All you kind folk here, I present to you Mr and Mrs
Kandy Melk!