### **HE IS: GROOM**

The following reading is from 1 Corinthians 13...

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, and it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.

Love never fails

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We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, the joining of two hearts.

And we also gather to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes to the words which shall unite this couple in marriage.

Today we have come together to witness the joining of these two lives.

For them, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary has happened.

They met each other, fell in love, and are sealing that love with the bonds of matrimony.

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But a good marriage must be worked on, trusted, & created day-by-day.

A good marriage is never being too old to hold hands.

A good marriage is NEVER going to bed angry with one another.

A good marriage is remembering to say "I love you" every single day.

A good marriage is learning NOT to hear those stray comments that just irritate the heck out of you.

And a good marriage is not just marrying the right person -- it is <u>being the right</u> <u>partner</u>.

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GROOM do you take BRIDE to be your wife, your spouse, and your wedded partner in life? If you do, please say "I do."

And do you promise to love, honor, cherish, and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her as long as you both shall live? If you do, please say "I will."

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BRIDE do you take GROOM to be your husband, your spouse, and your wedded partner in life? If you do, please say "I do."

And do you promise to love, honor, cherish, and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him as long as you both shall live? If you do, please say "I will."

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Wedding rings are an unbroken circle of love, signifying to all the union of this couple in marriage.

### GROOM, please repeat after me:

BRIDE, this ring is my sacred gift,

with my promise,

that I will always love you,

cherish you and honor you,

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all the days of my life,

And with this ring, I thee wed.

Please put the ring on her finger.

BRIDE, please repeat after me:

GROOM, this ring is my sacred gift,

with my promise,

that I will always love you,

cherish you and honor you,

all the days of my life,

And with this ring, I thee wed.

Please put the ring on his finger.

Outstanding! And now, by the power vested in me by the State of Washington and by the Universal Life Church, I now pronounce that GROOM and BRIDE are hereby joined in matrimony.

And you may kiss the bride!

Congratulations!