

A Celebration of Christian Marriage

Real Reason

“There are things you do
because they feel right
and they may make no sense
and they may make no money
and it may be the real reason we are here:
to love each other
and to eat each other's cooking
and say it was good.”

- Brian Andreas

PRELUDE

Harp 46

PROCESSIONAL

“Pachelbel’s Canon”

Harp 46

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE

We gather in the presence of God
to give thanks for the gift of marriage,
to witness the joining together of Adam and Sarah,
to surround them with our prayers,
and to ask God’s blessing upon them,
so that they may be strengthened for their life together
and nurtured in their love for God.

God created us,
and gave us marriage
so that we might help and comfort each other,
living faithfully together in plenty and in want,
in joy and in sorrow,
in sickness and in health,
throughout all our days.

God gave us marriage
as an expression of love.
In marriage we belong to each other,
and with affection and tenderness
freely give ourselves one to another.

God gave us marriage as a holy mystery
in which two are joined together,
and become one,
just as Christ is one with the church.

In marriage, we are called to a new way of life,
created, ordered, and blessed by God.
This way of life must not be entered into carelessly,
or from selfish motives,
but responsibly, and prayerfully.

We rejoice that marriage is given by God,
blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ,
and sustained by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, let marriage be held in honor by all.

PRAYER

Gracious God,
you are always faithful in your love for us.
Look mercifully upon Sarah and Adam,
who have come seeking your blessing.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them
so that with steadfast love
they may honor the promises they make this day,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF INTENT

AFFIRMATIONS OF THE FAMILIES

AFFIRMATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Will all of you witnessing these vows
do everything in your power
to uphold Adam and Sarah in their marriage?
We will.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy,
your faithfulness to your covenant
frees us to live together
in the security of your powerful love.

Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
by living in faith and obedience;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Scripture Lesson Ruth 1.12-18
Second Scripture Lesson Song of Songs 2.10-13, 8.6-7

HYMN #376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HOMILIES

John 2.1-12 “Water = Wine?” Mark Shivers
Mark 14.22-25 “Drinking Buddies” Jake Myers

SPECIAL MUSIC

Allison Cleaveland and April Stace Vega

VOWS

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

PRAYER

Eternal God,
Creator and Preserver of all life,
Author of salvation, and Giver of all grace:
look with favor upon the world you have
made and redeemed,
and especially upon Sarah and Adam.

Give them wisdom and devotion
in their common life,
that each may be to the other
a strength in need,
a counselor in perplexity,
a comfort in sorrow,
and a companion in joy.

Grant that their wills
may be so knit together in your will,
and their spirits in your Spirit,
that they may grow in love and peace
with you and each other
all the days of their life.

Give them the grace,
when they hurt each other,
to recognize and confess their fault,
and to seek each other's forgiveness
and yours.

Make their life together
a sign of Christ's love
to this sinful and broken world,
that unity may overcome estrangement,
forgiveness heal guilt,
and joy conquer despair.

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual love
that they may reach out in concern for others.

Grant that all who have witnessed those vows today
may find their lives strengthened,
and that all who are married
may depart with their own promises renewed.

Grant that the bonds by which all your children
are united to one another may be so
transformed by your Spirit
that your peace and justice may fill the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day, our daily bread
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Before God
and in the presence of this congregation,
Adam and Sarah have made their solemn vows to each other.
They have confirmed their promises by the joining of hands,
and by the giving and receiving of rings.
Therefore, I proclaim that they are now husband and wife.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (see next page)

CHARGE & BLESSING Jen Lemen

RECESSIONAL Harp 46

POSTLUDE Harp 46

*Please remain seated.
Someone will dismiss you by pew.*

In Loving Memory...

We want to acknowledge and remember family members who have passed away and could not be here to celebrate with us today: Sarah's grandparents Jack Walker, Helen C. Barr and C. Thomas Barr, Adam's grandparents Albert Farnum Cleaveland, Sara Rounsavall Cleaveland, Olive Gingrich, and Adam's uncles Keith Gingrich and Everett Oaks.

MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS

482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Joachim Neander, 1680

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665

Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Thee, for Thou art my
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der God's wings, yea, so
dore Thee! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to God's
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
prais - es be - fore Thee! Let the a - men Sound from thy

tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Thee.

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Participating in Worship Today

Jake Myers
Mark Shivers
Jen Lemen
Hana Johnson
Dan Pioske
Allison Cleaveland
Bob Towers
April Stace Vega
Nucleo Vega
Posido Vega

Officiating
Officiating
Blessing
Reader
Reader
Flute
Organ
Harp
Percussion
Bass

Special Thanks

Rev. Val Fowler & First Presbyterian Church for all of your love and support and for so graciously allowing us to use the church.

Evelyn Walker for the beautiful flowers and for all of your help decorating and planning with us. We couldn't have done it without you.

Tina Jones for all of your help with everything, especially setting up.

Peter Allen for coming not only as our friend, but as our DJ. Thank you!

Thank You for Celebrating With Us

We want to thank you so much for being here with us today. Whether you traveled hours or minutes to be here, we are grateful for your time and presence. It means so much to us that you would choose to spend your Sunday celebrating with us. Thank you!

Bridesmaids

Jina Moore (Maid of Honor): Jina and I met our freshman year in college and have been friends ever since. We only lived in the same place for one year, but Jina is someone who has been 'with me' all along. More than anyone else, Jina has been there for me through thick and thin. I don't know where I would be without her.

Elizabeth Gabbard: Elizabeth and I became friends at Columbia when I came back from class one day to find her asleep on my couch. Through all the trials of seminary life, Elizabeth has been there to laugh and cry and drink with me. She has been a better friend than anyone could ever hope to have.

Rachel Norton: Rachel is the slowest eater I have ever met. It is her only quality that makes me question our friendship. Rachel and I met when we were three at church and quickly became best friends. From children's messages at church to family camping trips, Rachel has been there from the start and I am so glad.

Allison Cleaveland: I've never had a sister, so I have no idea what one is supposed to be like. But if I had to imagine, I would never have pictured one as gracious and welcoming as Allison has been to me this past year. She is one the kindest and most thoughtful people I have ever had the privilege to meet and I look forward to getting to know her better.

Groomsmen

Steve Papineau (Best Man): From riding our Huffy bikes around the “West-side” of Chehalis, to playing soccer together, to making numerous pacts with one another, Steve has been my best friend since third grade. His friendship has been a blessing to me and it feels only right that he stand with me today as my “best” man.

Josh Cleveland: Josh and I have led almost duplicate lives for quite awhile: studied at Whitworth College, worked in churches and now are both at Princeton Seminary. While not biological brothers, we will always be “Bros.” Josh is one of the most pastoral persons I know, and I admire and respect the way he loves life, his family, his friends and God.

Tim Hughes: Tim and I met at Princeton and in two short years, we have become close friends. I love Tim’s passion for life and compassion for others in the world. He is always up for a deep conversation, late night pizza & beer, a run around Princeton or the chance to jump on the dance floor. It is an honor to call Tim a dear friend.

Matt Walker: It’s always a little difficult to write a description for a brother-in-law you don’t know that well. I’ve known Matt for just over a year, but he warmly welcomed me into the family when he realized I owned a Mac and drove a Subaru. Apparently that meant I was “in.” I look forward to getting to know Matt better and being “brothers.”

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WEDDING WEBSITE:

You can check the wedding website (www.walkercleaveland.com) in a few weeks for a link to photographs from the ceremony, reception and other highlights from the wedding.

DIRECTIONS TO RECEPTION

Go north on Route 65 for 11.8 miles. Turn left on Monroe Avenue and go 0.3 miles. Take the 590 north ramp 3.2 miles to Exit 7 - Browncroft Blvd and go 3.3 miles (Browncroft Blvd becomes Atlantic Ave). Turn Right on Five Mile Line Rd and go 0.3 miles. Shadow Lake is the first drive on the left.