



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING

The church wedding is a sacred rite invoking the blessing of God on the founding of the home. The music and texts, selected with the underlying thought of glorifying God, should be suitable for a church service, and distinguished from a social gathering.

We hope the following material will help in the selection of your wedding music.

CEREMONY ORDER OF WORSHIP

Here is the approximate Ceremony Order of Worship with indications for musical selections:

PRELUDE — Instrumental music, the choice of which can be left up to your musician(s) and is usually not listed on your program.

SEATING OF THE MOTHERS (and possibly grandparents) — Instrumental music of your choice, generally of a quiet nature.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PROCESSIONAL — Instrumental music, generally of a quiet nature.

ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE — Instrumental music of a majestic nature.

Address to the Congregation

Declaration of Intention

Giving in Marriage

SOLO OR CONGREGATIONAL HYMN — optional

Reading of Scripture

Homily (Pastor's message)

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Pronouncement of Marriage

SOLO OR CONGREGATIONAL HYMN — optional

Blessing of the Marriage

Lord's Prayer (optional)

Dismissal with Blessing/Presentation of Couple

RECESSIONAL — Instrumental music of a joyous and majestic nature.

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Following is a list of the most frequently used traditional selections. To help in your choices, you may hear most of these online.

- Prince of Denmark's March (Trumpet Voluntary) — Clarke
- Trumpet Tune in D — Purcell
- Trumpet Voluntary — Stanley
- Rondeau — Moure
- Prelude to a Te Deum — Charpentier
- Psalm 19 — Marcello
- Rigaudon — Campra
- Hornpipe (Finale from "Water Music") — Handel
- Air from "Water Music" — Handel
- Largo — Handel
- Spring from "The Four Seasons" — Vivaldi
- Toccatina from Symphony V — Widor
- Canon in D — Pachelbel
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring — J.S. Bach
- Bridal Chorus — Wagner
- Wedding March — Mendelssohn
- God of Grace — Manz
- Arioso — J.S. Bach
- Panis Angelicus — Franck
- Wachet Auf (Sleepers Wake) — J.S. Bach
- Prelude in Classic Style — Young
- Air on a G String — J.S. Bach
- Hallelujah Chorus — Handel
- Ode to Joy — Beethoven

Since a wedding is a central act of Christian worship, the participation of the congregation should be encouraged by the singing of hymns. Here are some suggestions:

TITLE	UM HYMNAL NO.	TITLE	UM HYMNAL NO.
When Love is Found	643	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	139
For the Beauty of the Earth	92	Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here	647
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	731	Gift of Love	408
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	89	I Come with Joy	617
Love Divine All Love's Excelling	384	Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet	601
Now Thank We All Our God	102	O Perfect Love	645
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	66	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	117
All Creatures of Our God and King	62		