Unity Church of Clearwater

😚 A House Built on Love

Planning Your Unity Ceremony

Our prayer for you is that your ceremony be beautiful and deeply meaningful for you and your loved ones and that your union be blessed in the service that celebrates your spiritual commitment to one another. We believe that the joining together of two souls in true marriage is a union that takes place between two persons in the presence of the Holy. When such a true bond already exists, we are delighted to affirm, celebrate, and bless the union that only God can make.

Much prayerful consideration goes into the presentation of the Unity ceremony. We ask that any special requests concerning the service be approved in advance in consultation with the Minister who serves you. It may help you to know that we do not include "obey," nor do we ask "If there be any reason why these two should not be joined, etc.," and we do not say "til death us do part, etc. We believe that we are to "obey" inner guidance, rather than another person; that true marriage is between God and the two individuals concerned; and that there is no reason for "death" (or anything else, for that matter) to interrupt your union. The Unity service is very personal and always altogether positive and uplifting. You may have a favorite poem, prayer, or idea to suggest for inclusion. Favorite choices are noted in this material for your consideration or, if you wish, the Minister will recommend a selection. Please advise the Minister if you prefer to have New Testament references excluded from the service. Otherwise, there will be a brief, positive reference to Jesus Christ, our Wayshower.

In order for your marriage to be recognized under the law, you will have to procure a marriage license from a state office. Otherwise, our Minister does <u>not</u> require a marriage license in order to perform ceremonies. Prayer will always be the heart of the Unity service, which is a spiritual experience.

Our Minister, The Reverend Leddy Hammock, was ordained at Unity Village, Missouri in 1982, and has served in leadership at our Church since 1981. Our Associate Ministers are qualified to perform your ceremony in the state of Florida.

Our marriage services are carefully prepared to reflect Unity's appreciation for the Truth in all paths. However, we do welcome those who are planning a special service to attend services at Unity Church of Clearwater at least once prior to their wedding date, so that they will feel at home with Unity and with the Minister who is to perform their service.