

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

- Recorded Music

ENTRANCE

Music: From the Ground Up by Dan & Shay

Officiant, Parents, & Grandparents

- Ryan & Ben
- Levi & Grandma Marshall
- Logan & Grandma Nellie
- Grandma Ann & Ken & Tammy
- Dave & Dori
- Amy & Kyle

Music: The Keeper of the Stars by Tracy Byrd

Wedding Party

- Abbi & Cody
- Claire & Levi
- Lydia & Matt
- Beth & Logan
- Aubrey & Eli

Ring Bearer & Flower Girl

- Decker & Anson
- Rylee, Harper, & Miriam

Music: Thousand Years Instrumental

Bride

- Brooke & Dad

INTRODUCTION

P: Who gives this woman to be married?

Jerimy: I Do

Ben Shakes hands with Jerimy, escorts Brooke to alter.

GREETING

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

C: And Also with you

DECLARATION OF INTENT

P: Ben will you have Brooke to be your wife to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor, and keep her in sickness and in health and forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live,

Response: I will

P: Brooke will you have Ben to be your husband to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live,

Response: I will

Will all of you by God's grace uphold and care for Brooke and Ben in their life together?

Response: We Will

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

Gracious God, you sent your son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people, Enrich Brooke and Ben with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love, and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord

C: Amen

READING 1 Aunt Mimi

An excerpt from *The Art of Marriage* by Wilferd Arlan Peterson

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created. In marriage the little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is at no time taking the other for granted; the courtship should not end with the honeymoon, it should continue through the years.

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.
It is standing together facing the world. It is forming a circle of love that gathers the whole family.
It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy.
It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.
It is not looking for perfection in each other.
It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of humor.
It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow old.
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.
It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal, dependence is mutual, and the obligation is reciprocal.
It is not only marrying the right partner; it is being the right partner.

HOMILY

LORDS PRAYER

P: Let us pray as our savior taught us

C: Our Father who Art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our tresspasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thing is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen

POURING OF SAND

P: Today we have gathered friends and family to celebrate the love and union of Brooke and Ben. They have gathered each of you here as witness to their lifelong commitment to each other. Brooke and Ben, today as you begin your lives together, two different people coming together to form one in Christ. The two vases of sand symbolize your separate lives before you found each other, your separate family, friends, and choices.

Today, both of you seal your bond in Christ, by blending these two vases of sand together. Once the sand is blended, it cannot be separated. Just as the sand cannot be separated, your friends and family are here today to witness your love never separating.

By blending these sands together you are no longer two, but of one.

Brooke and Ben pour the sand together while instrumental music plays underneath; All of Me by John Legend

READING 2

An excerpt from 'From Beginning to End: The Rituals of Our Lives'

Union

By Robert Fulghum

You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of commitment. At some point, you decided to marry. From that moment of yes, to this moment of yes, indeed, you have been making commitments in an informal way.

All of those conversations that were held in a car, or over a meal, or during long walks – all those conversations that began with, “When we’re married”, and continued with “I will” and “you will” and “we will” – all those late-night talks that included “someday” and “somehow” and “maybe” – and all those promises that are unspoken matters of the heart.

All these common things, and more, are the real process of a wedding.

The symbolic vows that you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, “You know all those things that we’ve promised, and hoped, and dreamed – well, I meant it all, every word.”

Look at one another and remember this moment in time. Before this moment you have been many things to one another – acquaintance, friend, companion, lover, dancing partner, even teacher, for you have learned much from one another these past few years. Shortly you shall say a few words that will take you across a threshold of life, and things between you will never quite be the same.

For after today you shall say to the world –

This is my husband. This is my wife.

VOWS (Repeat after me)

Ben: In the presence of God and this community, I, Ben take you Brooke to be my wife; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

Brooke: In the presence of God and this community, I, Brooke take you Ben to be my husband; to have and to hold from this day forward, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

P: Ben and Brooke would like to share personal vows with other at this time.

Ben: [Custom Vow]

Brooke [Custom Vow]

GIVING OF RINGS (Repeat after me)

Ben: Brooke I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow with all that I am and all that I have as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

Brooke: Ben I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow with all that I am and all that I have as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

ACCLIMATION

P: Ben and Brooke, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly have joined themselves to one another as husband and wife. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

C: Amen

P: By the power invested in me by God above, and the State of Idaho, it is my pleasure to introduce for the first time ever, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stowell.

P: Ben you may kiss the bride.

Music: Marry You by Bruno Mars

[APPLAUSE]

Wedding Party Exits | Wedding Ceremony Complete.

Ryan Announces for guests to leave the venue, outside so they can flip for reception.