

## PLANNING MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS at First United Church

The pastors and music staff encourage you to choose music that is both meaningful for you and in harmony with the spirit of Christian worship and celebration for wedding ceremonies.

Places for music at your wedding:

- Pre-service music
- Processional
- Recessional
- Hymns
- Prayers
- Vocal soloists
- Instrumental soloists
- Candle lighting

Please contact the organist to plan and choose music and musicians. Meeting the organist at the organ bench on Sundays after worship is the best way to do this, or leave voice mail at 708-386-5215 ext. 61, or send e-mail to [cathryn@firstunitedoakpark.com](mailto:cathryn@firstunitedoakpark.com)

If you would like to look for wedding music, here are some ideas:

Compact Discs

- *The Wedding Album*, Anthony Newman, organist, Sony #47273  
OP Public Library 784.68 NEW
- *For Weddings*, Kevin Bowyer, organist  
OP Public Library 784.68 BOW
- *Wedding Music*, Stephen Cleobury, organist  
OP Public Library 784.68 WED
- *The Ultimate Wedding Album*, Peter Hurford, organist  
Decca #448004
- *Complete Wedding Album*, Michael Murray, organist  
Telarc #380490

### Websites

Service music

<http://www.weddingguide.co.uk/articles/wordsmusic/hymns/hymnsforyourservice.asp>

Hymns

<http://www.weddingguide.co.uk/articles/wordsmusic/musicwedding/musicforyourwedding.asp>

### HIRING MUSICIANS

The church's organist provides the following services. For church members the fee is \$225.00, for non-members the fee is \$300.

- Consultation on music
- Attendance at wedding rehearsal (at the discretion of organist and pastor)
- Performance at the wedding
- Coordination with vocal or instrumental soloists
- Names and composers of the music for a bulletin (optional)

Additional services may be provided by the organist for a fee:

- Extra rehearsals with vocal or instrumental soloists
- Transcribing, transposing, scoring, or arranging music
- Printing out music or texts for congregational singing
- Obtaining permissions to photocopy music legally
- Locating and purchasing music not in the organist's library
- Music for receptions held at the church

Other musicians, including vocalists and instrumentalists who are trained and competent, are welcome to provide appropriate sacred music. Please check with the church's organist for approval in advance and discuss payment with the musicians directly.

## **INSTRUMENTS**

First United's musical instruments include

- 4-manual, 84-rank Cassavant pipe organ in the sanctuary
- 9' Steinway concert grand piano in the sanctuary
- 2-manual, 10 rank Reuter pipe organ in the chapel
- Yamaha upright piano in the chapel
- 5-octave handbell set

## **TIMELINE**

Eight weeks prior to your wedding

- Arrange time for a consultation with the organist

Six weeks prior to your wedding

- Meet the organist to select music
- Finalize plans for any additional musicians (vocalists, instrumentalists) with the organist
- Provide a deadline if you wish to have music selections printed in a bulletin

One week prior to your wedding

- Confirm times and locations for any additional rehearsals