

UA WEDDINGS

Coffee | Cause | Communion

Our Vision

We are a space of radical hospitality connecting people to God and one another in everyday life.

Hospitality

From local milk to reclaimed wood tables, whether for worship or the Farmers Market, we welcome everyone just as they are. We are a space of authenticity, engaging God's presence in the real stuff of life.

Connection

We reach out to our community from a place of deep faith. We connect with God to go out and change the world. We are not waiting for people to find us; we want to meet as many people as we can, connect, and share love.

Generosity

We believe that to explore generosity we must practice it. It is risky, but we give 10% of our coffee bar sales to local non-profits. Every month we have a different partner. Our giving is more than in-kind goods; we provide significant financial resources to do life-giving work in the community.

Greetings and Congratulations!

Yes, we do weddings! We would be glad to visit with you and your partner about Rev. McKnight officiating at your worship service to celebrate your marriage. We also rent Urban Abbey as a venue if you desire for your reception or rehearsal dinner.

Getting Started

Call Urban Abbey at 402-898-7600 or email leslie@urbanabbeyomaha.com to schedule a meeting with Rev. McKnight. This meeting gives us the time and information to make your wedding a truly beautiful service.

Before the Meeting

Consider what readings, songs, scriptures, and people you would like included in your ceremony. Bring that information to your meeting even if you don't plan on using them in the ceremony. This gives Rev. McKnight the opportunity to more fully understand the language you value in naming your feelings toward one another. It also allows her to craft a service that is both meaningful and individualized to you and your partner.

Suggested Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Isaiah 43:1-7

Isaiah 55:10-13

Isaiah 63:7-9

Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

Corinthians 13

Ephesians 2:4-10

Ephesians 4:1-6

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Philippians 2:1-2

Philippians 4:4-9

Colossians 3:12-17

1 John 3:18-24

1 John 4:7-16

Matthew 5:1-10

Matthew 24-27

Matthew 22:35-40

Mark 2:18-22

Mark 10:42-45

John 2:1-11

John 15:9-17

Rejoice in the Lord Isaiah

You are precious in God's eyes Isaiah

You shall go out in joy

The steadfast love of the Lord

The life of a Christian

Love is patient...

God's love for us

Called to the one hope

Members one of another

The Christ-like spirit

Rejoice in the Lord

Live in love and thanksgiving

Love one another

God is love

The Beatitudes

The house built upon a rock

Love, the greatest commandment

Joy in Christ as at a wedding

True greatness

The marriage feast of Cana

Remain in Christ's love

Honorariums

Clergy Honorarium \$300

Includes:

- Rehearsal
- Wedding
- One planning meeting

Services more than 20 miles a way require mileage

Additional meetings cost \$100 per meeting

Music Honorarium \$300

Includes:

- One planning meeting if needed
- Wedding
- Rehearsal

Reservations

Space Rental \$100 per hour

Three hour minimum

Urban Abbey is available for rental after 5:00 pm except on Sundays

Coordinator Honorarium \$150

Includes:

- One planning meeting
- Set up
- Oversight of event
- Clean up

Half of all honorariums and rental requests are due at the time of reservation. Honorariums are paid to individuals, rental is paid to Urban Abbey.

If you would like to have the ceremony in a traditional church setting but would like Debra to do the service, we recommend Dietz United Methodist Church, 1423 S. 10th St, Omaha, NE 68108.

Typical Order of Worship

Entrance

Gathering

Greeting

Declaration of Intention

Declaration by the Couple

Pastor: Will all of you, by God's grace, do everything in your power to uphold and care for these two persons in their marriage?

People: We will.

Prayer

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Readings

The Marriage

Exchanging of Vows

Blessing and Exchanging of Rings

Lighting of the Unity Candle (optional)

Communion (optional)

Declaration of Marriage

Blessing of the Marriage

Sending Forth

Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth (Postlude)

Frequently Asked Questions

Counseling

Urban Abbey does not require counseling. We do encourage couples to participate in counseling with a trained and certified therapist for three to five sessions to explore communication, financial plans, family planning, and healthy conflict resolution. We believe a relationship with a professional counselor at the start of your marriage will provide a relationship that can support you through more challenging times.

• Jenny Kuhl
(402) 281-9185

• James Pennington (they),
LPC (LGBTQIA)
(402) 207-2517

• Jumoke Omojola, LCSW, LIMHP
(POC)
(402) 981-6624

• Healing Tree Counseling
(402) 614-4870

• Abra Poindexter
(402) 933-1535

• Megan Smith, MS, LMHP,
LIPC (LGBTQIA+)
402-871-5920

Membership

Membership is not required but we do hope you will commit to joining with us in worship and making connections at Urban Abbey or at other church, if you live elsewhere. Membership means taking ownership in this work and there are no discounts for members of the Urban Abbey.

Marriage Licenses

You will need to get a marriage license from the county office appropriate to your wedding location. The two of you will sign in the office. Before the wedding service we will pause with your two witnesses to sign, be mindful of your vows and pray together. Rev. Debra will mail the license in and the county will send you your certificate.