

# Riverbend United Church

## Marriage Policy 2019

“We, the people of Riverbend United Church, recognize the dignity, value, and beauty of every individual as a beloved child of God. As followers of Christ, we celebrate the diversity brought by each person...”

- *Riverbend United Church Mission Statement*

In Riverbend United Church, we see each person as a unique, loved creation of God and we welcome all people into the full life of Christian community and ideals, including marriage. We support the bonds between people as loving, growing, healing, and nurturing as the love they share flows out to the world. As an affirming community, we offer services of marriage to committed couples in all stages and circumstances of life, including:

- couples of different religions, economic background, ethnicity, mental and physical abilities, gender expression
- same-gender and two-gender couples
- previously divorced people

Weddings are planned with the minister and the couple to create a ceremony that expresses of your unique love. Though marriage preparation courses are not required, they are strongly encouraged in order to give your relationship the tools you need to continue growing in your bond of love. The minister has recommendations for you for courses that are affirming of all people.

The \$750 fee includes the services of the minister, an accompanist, a rehearsal and use of the church sanctuary, which has a capacity of 250 people. For additional information, please call the church office at 780.430.7275.