



## **Declaration of Intention ~ why we are here today.**

Sue and I celebrate with you our covenant of love and partnership.  
God has been a part of our relationship for over 25 years ago.  
Our faith grounds us and our church family grounds us.  
Reconciling is our church family.

The United Methodist Church has been and continues to be  
both blessing and burden to us.

When the church turns her back on us, withholds blessings from us,  
Does God withhold blessing? NO  
Does God stop loving us? NO

We continue to be the church to and for each other.  
We continue to be the instruments of God's light and love.

Light overcomes the darkness.

Today we say clearly – as a couple, as a family, as a church – that God  
says YES!

This is our day to say to each other and to you – God is with us!  
God is our light and our love.

We say YES to each other and affirm our love.  
We say yes to you, our families and our church family.

With the church or despite the church, our lights will shine!