

Andrew Anderson & Mary Lou (Bonnie) Anderson

Renewal of Marriage Vows



June 8, 1959 to June 8, 2019

60th Anniversary

Presider: Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Andy and Bonnie, who have come today to give thanks for God's blessing upon them, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant. Let us pray.

Gracious and Ever-living God, look with favor on Andy and Bonnie, who come to renew the promises they made at their wedding. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with steadfast love they may continue to honor and keep their vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presider: Andy and Bonnie, do you here, in the presence of God and this congregation, wish to renew the commitment you made when you bound yourself to each other in holy marriage?

Andy and Bonnie: *I do.*

Presider: *Andy, repeat after me:*

Andy: *In the Name of God, I, Andy, pledge to continue to have you, Bonnie, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.*

Presider: *Bonnie, repeat after me:*

Bonnie: *In the Name of God, I, Bonnie, pledge to continue to have you, Andy, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.*

Presider: (To congregation) *Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold Andy and Bonnie in their marriage?*

People ***We Will.***

Presider: *Andy and Bonnie, may the power of God keep you, may the love of God be ever-present in your life together and may the grace of God strengthen your love that it may endure forever. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon Andy and Bonnie whom you made one flesh in Holy Matrimony. **Amen.**

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours. **Amen.**

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to a troubled world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. **Amen.**

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. **Amen.**

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Marriage:

Presider: We thank you, Holy God, for consecrating the union of Andy and Bonnie in your Holy Name. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon them.

Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace.

Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them in their daily lives and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast forever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord look upon you mercifully with his favor, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**