Welcome Home



Today's Theme **Welcome Home** Sunday, January 3rd 2021

October 2020 Began Our 50th Church Year Long Anniversary Celebration October 1971 - 2021 Sunshine Cathedral Sunday Morning A Positive Worship Experience America's Queer Church for All

Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

> Announcements Rev Kevin Tisdol

Please rise as you are able.

Opening Affirmation

Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where the past is past and the future has infinite possibilities.

The Call to Worship

This is the day our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Service of Praise

Jesus, the Light of the World

Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus the light of the world; glory to the Christ-child bring, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus the light of the world; join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Jesus the light of the world; Christ, the everlasting Word, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world.

Hail the bearer of God's peace! Jesus the light of the world; Hail the sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world. Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy names.

Sung Response

Amen. Amen. Amen, amen Amen. Amen. Amen, amen.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom from A Course in Miracles Rev Dr Anne Atwell

[God], I was created in Your Mind, a holy Thought that never left its home. I am forever Your Effect, and You forever and forever are my Cause. As You created me I have remained. Where You established me I still abide. And all Your attributes abide in me, because it is Your Will [that I be] so like [my] Cause that Cause and Its Effect are indistinguishable. Let me know that I am an Effect of God, and so I have the power to create like You. And as it is in Heaven, so on earth. Your plan I follow here, and at the end I know that You will gather Your effects into the tranquil Heaven of Your Love...

In these human words, God's voice is heard. Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Sung Response

In the life of Omnipresence do I dwell, 'tis above, around, within me, all is well; life divine forever guiding all my ways, life divine forever filing all my days.

The Gospel According to Luke (2.41 - 50)

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went to the festival as usual. When the festival was over, they went home, but Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know about it. They traveled for a whole day thinking that Jesus was with them in the group. They began looking for him among their family and close friends, but they did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him there.

After three days they found him. Jesus was sitting in the Temple area with the religious teachers, listening and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and wise answers. When his parents saw him, they wondered how this was possible. And his mother said, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you."

Jesus said to them, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be [home]." But they did not understand the meaning of what he said to them.

In these human words, God's voice is heard. Thanks be to God.

Praver Rev Dr Anne Atwell One: Remind us, O God, that we are always in your presence. We are blessed. We are home. All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Homily

Somewhere By Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein Performed By Jessica Bianco Borbone

Welome Home Rev Dr Durrell Watkisn, Senior Minister

Song of Response Please rise as you are able.

Bless You for the Good That's In You

Bless you for the Good that's in you: bless you every day. There's some good in everybody; we're just made that way. Good morning, don't be miserable, vou're not as bad as vou make out. That frown don't sit right, get right up and shout. And shout.

Bless you for the Good that's in you; bless you every night. If you shine like a love-light beacon you'll make out all right If any old trouble comes around today. turn it around and chase it away. Bless you for the good that's in vou, bless vou every day Bless you every day!

Sign of Peace

You Are Mu Hiding Place

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid. I will trust in you.

I will trust in you. Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of our God.

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.

Service of Sacraments Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings) Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"Of all the varieties of virtue, generosity is the most beloved." Aristotle

Offering Prayer

Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I have, all that I give, and all that I receive. Thank you, God. Amen.

Offering Music You Are My Home By Frank Wildhorn and Nan Knighton Performed By Sara Burns

Doxology

Rise as you are able.

Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes; venite, venite in Bethlehem.

Natum videte regem angelorum.

Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus, dominum.

Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Kevín Tísdol

We Remember

Walter Gaugler Frank Ingrassia Carolyn Price Marcie Fox Phillip Leuttinger Phillip Luetting 01/03/2015 Rick Tiberi 01/04/2006 Doris Vogler 01/04/2008 Robert Bickel 01/04/2012 Stephen Crompton 01/05/1991 Dru Drake 01/05/1991

01/05/1992 01/05/1994 01/07/2003 01/08/1993 01/09/1994

Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory and Honor of all Sunshine Cathedral Members and Friends Affected or Infected by COVID-19

> by The Sunshine Cathedral Staff

> > Intercessions Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Prayer of Divine Mercy

Loving Creator, we remember the wisdom and love, Peace and integrity of your blessed anointed one – our Lord Jesus Christ

Who taught of your love for us and also the whole world

For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon us and on the whole world.

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Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One Give blessings to us and to the whole world. Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One Give blessings to us and to the whole world.

One: Mother-Father God, we affirm blessings for all who are on the Cathedral's prayer list and for all who are on our hearts. We trust you to lead, guide, and direct each of us in the ways of happiness, well-being, and right action. We pray for those who hold authority in the nations of the world that they may be guided by wisdom and motivated by a love of justice and peace. We pray for our departed loved ones, (+) let light perpetual shine upon them. And with people all over the world we pray –

All: May peace prevail on earth.

We offer these prayers in the name of the Galilean prophet who taught us to pray as we now sing:

Model Prayer

Creator which art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And leave us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: This do in memory of me; eat now this broken bread. This is my life from death set free here on my table spread.

This do in memory of me; drink now this cup I said. This shows my love for all to see, here on my table spread.

All: We praise your living memory, remembering all you said. Your words and life have set us free, here through your table spread.

> Invitation to Communion Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God. *All: Thanks be to God.*

Communion is Shared

Final Communion Song

For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace; yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice, and joy.

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace; yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice, and joy.

> **Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev Dr Robert Griffin

> > Please rise as you are able.

| The Prayer of Protection | |
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| The light of God surrounds us; the love of God enfolds us. The power of God protects us; the presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is. | SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY Please hold these in the power of loving prayer: Centering Thought: |
| Benediction | "Our [God] who is in heaven, |
| Final Song Higher Love | Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done |
| Comissioning | On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our bread for tomorrow; |
| One: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin! All: <i>Thanks be to God!</i> | Refresh our souls with the water of life. And forgive us every one our debts As we also have forgiven our debtors. |
| Postlude Barbara Ramcharitar | Save us in temptation, deliver us from evil, And increasingly make us perfect like yourself." ~The Urantia Book |
| | We pray for the following ~ Shawna; Steven and his mother; Connie; Beth; Christopher; Elizabeth; Sophia; Claire; Stan; Julie; Hillary; Amanda; Ann; Champion; EW & Wm; Melody; PJ; Ericka and Darrell; Josette's family; Shawn and Larry; Pat; MW; CJ; MLF; Anita; Brettlynn & Amanda; Carol W.; DonnaChristine; Maralee; Vickie; Margarita; Lynda; Steve E. & family; Zena (of blessed memory); medical practitioners; those who have tested positive for COVID19; children detained at the U.S. border; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral; Send love Wish for complete well-being Invoke peace Wish for true happiness Release |
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| Peace be with | LET US PRAY Sisters and Brothers – May you be filled with lovingkindness; may you be well. May you be peaceful and at ease, and may you be happy. Svaha. Amen. REMEMBER: Prayers can be submitted via Sunshine Cathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson. You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6) REMEMBER: You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6) |
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SunBurst News

THANK YOU SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL (by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins)

Thank you for your faithfulness in 2020. Thank you for your optimism. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for your resilience. Thank you for your willingness to adapt. Thank you for all the ways you let your light shine.

Together in 2020, we fed over 2,000 people each month. Together, we provided high quality, full worship in ways that were safe and accessible.

Together, we made sure the church's financial needs were met.

Together, we made it possible for tens of thousands of people every week to worship with us all over the world. Together, even when the campus was completely closed, we managed to "be" church 7 days per week.

Together, even when we reopened the campus in a limited way (only allowing up to 25% of capacity to be present at once), we continued to have and be and do church effectively.

Together, we offered A Course in Miracle via Zoom, virtual worship in Second Life, streaming worship on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, Religious Education (Christians & Cocktails, Share in the Chair) online, daily devotions (Spirit & Truth), spiritual encouragement (Sunshine Cathedral New Thought Community on Facebook), and prayer (prayer@sunshinecathedral.org and Dial-A-Prayer 954.462.2006 x 6).

We had losses in 2020 and were able to mourn while also celebrating the lives of our departed loved ones thanks to the miracle of modern technology.

Our campus became home to the Happening Out Television Network in 2020 and though limited, 12 step groups were able to meet and receive needed support in a year when sobriety was very much needed. Grief support was also offered in 2020, a year when grief was a universal experience.

All of this happened in one of the most challenging years in decades because you prayed, you loved, you shared, you hoped, you opened your hearts, you allowed divine love to express through you. So again, THANK YOU. You were living miracles in 2020, and together, we will experience a wonderful 2021.

God bless you, Sunshine Cathedral! You are a different kind of church, thank God.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – January 17 following 10:30 worship service. Details about logistics will be shared next week, but for now, save the date: January 17.

DAILY SPIRITUAL PROGRAMMING – Christians & Cocktails (Mondays, 6 pm EST Facebook live), Share in the Chair (Wednesdays, 6 pm Facebook), Sunday worship (Sundays at 10:30 am on Facebook and YouTube), and Midday Prayer (6 days per week, Mon-Sat at Noon EST on Facebook, Thursday MDP includes a brief homily). Ask about A Course in Miracles via Zoom and our community in Second Life. Also join the Sunshine Cathedral New Thought Community on Facebook for short, encouraging messages, affirmations, and prayers. Pray, study, grow with daily reflection, discussion, and prayer.

PRAYER REQUESTS – send prayer requests to prayer@ sunshinecathedral.net. You or the person you are praying for will be added to the prayer list for 4 weeks, the prayer list is shared with a team of almost 50 trained prayer chaplains, and it is published weekly (no last names or conditions named) in the Sun Burst for the entire faith community to hold in prayer. The pastoral staff meets weekly and prays for those who are on the prayer list and the board of directors includes the people on the prayer list in their monthly meeting opening prayer. For additional prayer, call 954.462.2004 x 6 to hear our "Dial-A-Prayer" (updated weekly).

THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER – so Sunshine Cathedral will continue to ask that you reserve your seat at Sunshinecathedral.org if you wish to worship onsite, and we insist that you wear a mask at all times while you are here. We can remain faithful and stay safe at the same time.

LOAVES AND FISHES – First Sunday of the month we collect donations of nonperishable food items to support our food sharing ministry.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 6: The Magi—"Epiphany" is the day traditionally associated with the arrival of the Magi to visit the child Jesus.

January 7: Alethea Brooks Small (1848 – 1906) – sister of Nona Brooks and Fannie Brooks James (early pioneers in the Divine Science movement). She encouraged Nona in her early leadership of Divine Science. Her husband was a business partner of Charles Fillmore before Charles & Myrtle founded Silent Unity.

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New Year

Prayer Garden Remembrance Brick

The Prayer Garden with Remembrance Brick is located directly behind the Walt Lawrence & Stephen Lewis Center for Worship and the Arts.

The Prayer Garden is beautifully maintained by our wonderful volunteers that make up the Garden Team. They are generally on the campus each Saturday morning doing various work to maintain the Prayer Garden so that it is always accessible and attractive year round.

There are benches located in the Prayer Garden for those who wish to spend a little extra time. If you would like to dedicate an engraved brick in memory of someone, or if you have any questions or would like to place an order please contact Kevin Tisdol by email at Kevin@sunshinecathedral.net.

The donation to have an engraved brick placed in the Prayer Garden is \$100.00 per brick.

Sunshine Cathedral Food Pantry Open every Wednesday from 11AM – ?? or by appointment

No ID required. No income verification. No questions. No judgment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Rev. Anne 954-462-2004 ext. 208

To make a donation to the Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Program, check out our website sunshinecathedral.org and click on the Food Sharing tab.

Sunshine Cathedral Financial Information

Donating to Sunshine Cathedral just got easier

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Venmo - @SunshineCathedral

CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral

Test to Give - 954.399.7333

Financial Data Snapshot from 25 & 27

| Weekly Generosity Income Needed Generosity Income Received Our Abundance and/or (Need) | \$13,923.00 \$13,327.44 (\$595.56) | |
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| Per Capita Giving | \$31.28 | |
| Worship Services | 415 | |
| Online Virtual Resourcing | 201,246 | |
| Detailed information located on the Cathedral website. | | |



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Tara Sperry, Vocalist Paul Phillips, Bassist Teresa Flores, Percussionist Gary Lane, Assistant Organist Edwin Neimann, Pianist Cheryl Barth, Assistant Pianist Sam Miller, Videographer Phil McChesney, Handbell Director Kurt Litzenberger, Set/Sound & Lighting

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Monthly Collection Programs

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

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3rd Sunday - Clothing Collection (For BG Hospital & Homeless)

Due to limited storage space, please bring items on designated Sundays only.

Sunshine Cathedral is not liable for any vehicle incident, including acts of nature, while attending any events.

Sunshine Cathedral

Two Sunday morning services 9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST) Sunday 5:00PM in Second Life

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