Welcome Home To Your Sunshine Cathedral



Today's Theme

There Is Still Work To Do

Sunday, February 28th 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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Ev'ry time I feel the sprit movin' in my heart, I will pray. Oh ev'ry time I feel the sprit movin' in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, 'til I asked my God if it were mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the sprit movin' in my heart, I will pray. Oh ev'ry time I feel the sprit movin' in my heart, I will pray.

Oh I have sorrows and I have woe, and I have heartaches here below. But my God leads me I'm in God's care, and I can feel God ev'rywhere.

Ev'ry time I feel the sprit movin' in my heart, I will pray. Oh ev'ry time I feel the sprit movin' in my heart, I will pray.

Oh there's a new land for which we're bound where there is freedom all around! Will you come with me, to that new land? We will go bravely hand in hand,

Ev'ry time I feel the sprit movin' in my heart, I will pray. Oh ev'ry time I feel the sprit movin' in my heart, I will pray.

Confessional Litany Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: May we be forgiven for forgetting our divine nature.

All: May we be forgiven for failing to see the sacred value of all people.

One: May we be healed of judging ourselves, and others, too harshly.

All: May we forgive ourselves for not trusting in the absolute goodness and unconditional love of God.

One: May we forgive ourselves and others of all mistakes, real or imagined, since God has always and only seen the truth of our endless goodness.

All: May we now let our light shine and live as the children of God that we are. Amen.

Sung Response

No Day But Today

There's only us, there's only this. Forget regret, or life is yours to miss.

No other road, no other way, no day but today.

I can't control my destiny. I trust my soul, my only goal is just to be.

There's only now, there's only here. Give into love, or live in fear.

No other road, no other way, no day but today. No day but today.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of Frederick Douglass
Rev Kevin Tisdol

"Power concedes nothing without a demand; it never did and it never will. Find out what people will submit to, and you have found out the exact amount of injustice which will be imposed upon them. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress."

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

Please rise as you are able.

Sung Response

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The Gospel According to Luke (Luke 13.1, 31-32) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Some people there with Jesus at that time told him about what had happened to some worshipers from Galilee. Pilate had them killed. Their blood was mixed with the blood of the animals they had brought for sacrificing. Just then some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Go away from here and hide. Herod wants to kill you!" Jesus said to them, "Go tell that fox, 'Today and tomorrow I am forcing demons out of people and finishing my work of healing. Then, the next day, the work will be finished.'

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

Prayer

Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: Let there be healing. Let there be hope. Let there be justice. Let blessings abound, in Christ's name.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Love Heals
By Jonathan Larson
Performed By Tara Sperry

Homily

There Is Still Work To Do Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

Song of Response

Please rise as you are able.

Bless Us All

Bless us all who gather here The loving family I hold dear No place on Earth compares with home And every path will bring me back from where I roam

Bless us all, that as we live We always comfort and forgive We have so much that we can share With those in need we see around us everywhere

Let us always love each other
Lead us to the light
Let us hear the voice of reason
Singing in the night
Let us run from anger
And catch us when we fall
Teach us in our dreams
And please, yes please bless us one and all

Bless us all with playful years
With noisy games and joyful tears
We reach for you and we stand tall
And in our prayers and dreams we ask you
Bless us all
We reach for you and we stand tall
And in our prayers and dreams we ask you
Bless us all.

Sign of Peace

Surely the Presence
Surely the presence of our God is in this place:
I can feel Her mighty power, and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

Service of Sacraments

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

Stewardship Thought

"The generous will themselves be blessed..." Proverbs 22.9

Offering Praver

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

Heal The World By Michael Jackson Performed By Sara Burns

Doxology Rise as you are able.

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way; from the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day. Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span, God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.

Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Kevin Tisdol

We Remember

Dee Degner	02/28/1994	John Messina	03/03/2006
Don Bennett	02/28/2005	Grace Corey	03/03/2007
Tom Rosenblatt	03/01/2004	Bill Zanone	03/05/1990
Mark Hooker	03/02/2004	Larry Nelson	03/06/1991
George Lamas	03/03/1991	Bob Horton	03/06/2010
Jerry Widholm	03/03/1991		

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: May gentle hands tend the ill; may our world be filled with joy and goodwill. May this church thrive and our faith come alive. May hope touch every soul and may we trust that we are truly whole. May wisdom guide us every day and may we live the Jesus-way. (+) May the departed enjoy blissful rest and may we all be richly blessed. And with people all over the world we pray –

All: May peace prevail on earth.

We offer these prayers in the name of the indwelling Christ, and we continue praying in song:

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

One: On the night of his arrest Jesus shared a meal with his friends and family of choice. After supper, he took a piece of bread, broke it, and offered it to those at table. Sharing together made them one body. Jesus said, "When you do this, remember me."

One: He then took a cup of wine and shared it with the others. Sharing reminded them that they were bound together in a covenant of love. Jesus again said, "When you do this, remember me."

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

Fill My Cup, Lord

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.



Communion Song

Heal Our Land

Heal our land, Spirit heal our land; Hear our cry and turn our nation back to you. Lord, heal our land, hear us, O Lord, and heal our land;

Receive our prayer and heal our broken land. Receive our prayer and heal our broken land.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Noisy Offering

Supports the Global Broadcast Ministries & Food Sharing Ministry

Please rise as you are able.

The Prayer of Protection

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.

Benediction

Final Song

Faith of the Heart

It's been a long road Getting from there to here It's been a long time But my time is finan'lly near

And I will see my dream come alive at last I will touch the sky And they're not gonna hold me down, no more No, they're not gonna change my mind

Coz I've got faith of the heart
I'm going where my heart will take me
I've got faith to believe
I can do anything
I've got strength of the soul
And no one's gonna bend or break me
I can reach any star
I've got faith
I've got faith
Faith of the hear

Commissioning

One: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin! All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

Centering Thought:

"You are what you believe in. You become that which you believe you can become" Bhagavad Gita

We pray for the following ~

Denise; Jan; Shaun; Mona; Champion; Melody; CJ; Leo; Sue's parents; DonnaChristine; Maralee; Stan & Julie; Katie; Barbara; Michael; Rosemary; Mickey (of blessed memory); Shawna; Carol W.; MLF; Anita; Amanda; Ann; Marty; Amy; Mary; Emily & Brett; Tara & Sam; Joey; Nancy; Gary; Melissa; Lynne; medical practitioners; those who have tested positive for COVID19; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+communities; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral:

LET US PRAY

There is one Power, it is omnipresent and eternal and with it all things are possible.

We now plug into this power and allow ourselves to be conduits for it.

The Power flows through us to fill our lives with joy and to touch and bless all the lives around us, as well as the lives of those we hold in our hearts.

Miracles are possible; they occur every day.

With deep gratitude, we now expect and accept miracles.

And so it is.

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)

SunBurst News

FOOD SHARING PROGRAM

Non-perishable food items are being accepted every Sunday of Lent. Your support of our Food Sharing ministry makes a huge difference in many lives.

NOISY OFFERING

Today is Noisy Offering Sunday, which means we will take a second offering (a "spare change offering") which goes to support our food sharing and global broadcast ministries.

THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month in the Sun Burst we have featured Gladys Bentley (1907-1960, gender-bending, lesbian singer), Storme DeLarverie (1920-2014, "guardian of lesbians in the Village"), and Marsha P. Johnson (1945-1992, transgender rights activist and is reported to be one of the central figures of the historic Stonewall uprising of 1969).

Here are some more Queer, Black heroes we should remember and revere:

- Audre Lorde (1934-1992, self-described "Black, lesbian, feminist, mother, poet, warrior," and major contributor to the fields of feminist theory, critical race studies, and queer theory),
- Willi Ninja (1961-2006, dancer, choreographer and the "Grandfather of Vogue"),
- Lori Lightfoot (b. 1962, Chicago's first Black woman mayor and first LGBTQ mayor),
- Alphonso David (b. 1970, first person of color to lead the Human Rights Campaign),
- Barbara Jordon (1936-1996, first African American elected to the Texas Senate in 1966, and the first woman and first African American elected to Congress from Texas in 1972, received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Bill Clinton. Jordan's life partner of 3 decades was Nancy Earl),
- Ernestine Eckstein (1941-1992, leader in the New York chapter of Daughter of Bilitis),
- Bayard Rustin (1912-1987, key adviser to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. Rustin was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom).

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.

SC GIVING STATEMENTS

All Giving Statements for 2020 have been emailed. If you have not received a Giving Statement by now it may be for one of the following reasons:

- 1. Sunshine Cathedral does not have your email address.
- 2. Your email is not updated in our primary donation system. So, when your Giving Statement was emailed, it failed to send.

If you have not gotten your statement and would like to receive it, please email Rev Dr Robert Griffin at Robert@sunshinecathedral.org

5 MILLION VIEWS

In 2020, Sunshine Cathedral online programming received over 5 MILLION views. Thank you for watching, supporting, praying for, and telling others about our daily online programming. Continue to help us reach the world with our progressive, positive, practical spirituality.

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).

ECUMENISM

Sunshine Cathedral is affiliated with the International Council of Community Churches (which is a member of the World and National Councils of Churches), Metropolitan Community Churches, the Global Justice Institute (at MCC New York), the Divine Science Federation (of which our senior minister is president), and BOLD Justice (a Broward County network of churches working together with government and community leaders for a kinder and more just life for all in our county). In relationship and partnership we can achieve so much.

HOUT TV

Another ministry partner for Sunshine Cathedral is Happening Out Television Network, a new (less than 3 years old) streaming network that produces LGBTQ+ themed news and social programming, and they also produce the streaming services of Sunshine Cathedral. HOUT is now housed on the campus of Sunshine Cathedral.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK March 2

John and Charles Wesley (1703-1791, 1707-1788) — Anglican priests and founders of Methodism. When thrown out of local churches for being too "enthusiastic" they turned to preaching on the streets. John created a synthesis of sacramental faith, a personal religion of the heart, and an active concern for social justice. Charles is remembered for writing over 6,000 hymn texts, including "Christ the Lord is risen today," "O for a thousand tongues to sing," and "Hark the herald angels sing."

March 5

Karl Rahner (1904-1984)—Theologian. Probably the most influential Catholic theologian of the 20th century, Rahner was a Jesuit who worked to build bridges between Christian faith and the modern world. He believed that all human existence was rooted in the holy and infinite mystery of God. He tried to reduce the divisions between faith and science, the church and the world, and emphasized grace as a relationship. He played a critical role in the Second Vatican Council.

March 6

Nona Brooks (1861 – 1945) – a major figure in the New Thought movement and one of the pioneers of Divine Science. Nona taught, "We no longer feel that we must overcome God's reluctance, but rather that we are to lay hold of [God's] willingness. More willing is [God] to give than we are to receive." She also stressed divine Omnipresence: "...let us turn to our Basis, Omnipresence. This means God everywhere; therefore God includes me."

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

Venmo or CashApp

Venmo - @SunshineCathedral

CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral

Text to Give - 954.399.7333

Financial Data Snapshot from 21 February

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$10,797.56 Generosity Income Received \$8,047.93 Our Abundance and/or (Need) (\$2,749.63)

Per Capita Giving \$29.56

Worship Services 140
Online Virtual Resourcing 100,117

Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org



Sunshine Cathedral Online Schedule

Sunday Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live 10:30AM/EST - Sunday Worship

Monday - Saturday: Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live Noon/EST - Midday Prayers

Monday
Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
6PM/EST - 6:30PM/EST - Christians & Cocktails

Wednesday Sunshine Cathedral Share in the Chair Facebook Live - 6PM/EST - 6:30PM/EST

The Cathedral Staff

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Monthly Collection Programs

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

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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