# Welcome Home To Your Sunshine Cathedral



A Positive Worship Experience

America's Queer Church for All

Joday's Theme

The Ridiculous Reign of Christ

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 Palm Sunday October 2020 Began Our 50th Church Year Long Anniversary Celebration October 1971 - 2021

### 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

Processional Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang; To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,

the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The one whom angels celebrate rode on in lowly state, and glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey's gate.

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song is ours. We hail our great redeemer and sing with all our powers. Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice, hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!

### Confessional Litany Rev Dr Anne Atwell

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 The Psalter (from Psalm 118) Rev Kevin Tisdol

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to our God. This is the sacred gate; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our sight.

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 (19.28-40) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking along ahead of his disciples. As they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead, with instructions to go to the next village, and as they entered they were to look for a donkey tied beside the road. It would be a colt, not yet broken for riding.

"Untie him," Jesus said, "and bring him here. And if anyone asks you what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs her."

They found the colt as Jesus said, and sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners demanded an explanation.

"What are you doing?" they asked. "Why are you untying our colt?"

And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs her!" So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw some of their clothing across its back for Jesus to sit on.

Then the crowds spread out their robes along the road

ahead of him, and as they reached the place where the road started down from the Mount of Olives, the whole procession began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles Jesus had done.

"God has given us a king!" they exulted. "Long live the king! Let all heaven rejoice! Glory to God in the highest heavens!"

But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Sir, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"

Jesus replied, "If they keep quiet, the stones along the road will burst into cheers!"

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

**Prayer** Rev Dr Anne Atwell One: Save us from debilitating fear. Rescue us from self-doubt. Liberate us from prejudices and false judgements. Heal our inner wounds. Guide us in the ways of hope and joy. Hosanna!

All: Amen.

### Please be seated.

The AnthemThe Holy CityBy Michael Maybrick and Frederick E. Weatherly<br/>Performed by Tara Sperry

Homily The Ridiculous Reign of Christ 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

"Giving first to God is an act of stewardship and an expression of faith." Chris Deets

### **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

Hosanna By Mark Gersmehl Performed By Sara Burns

### Rise as you are able.

**Doxology** 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 Dr Anne Atwell

### We Remember

Jim Leutz Robert Eimers 03/28/1999 Tom Herfort 03/29/1998 David Shaw 03/30/2009 04/03/1995

### 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 Durrell Watkins

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 Rev Dr Anne Atwell & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

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



### Communion Songs

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.

### 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

> > 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 Rev Dr Durrell Watkins** Faith of the Heart Final Song 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 hearts. 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

Faith of the hear **Commissioning** 

I've got faith I've got faith

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:**

"Thou art ever busy, O Cosmic Potter." Paramahansa Yogananda

We pray for the following ~

Jim P. (of blessed memory); Hilda (of blessed memory); Joey; DonnaChristine; Maralee; Amanda; John; Nancy; Lynn; Emily & Brett; Tara & Sam; MLF; Anita; Carol W.; Ann; Champion; Melody; CJ; Rodney; Shawna; Marion W.; The Colon-Arroyo family; Mayra G; Jamie; Myriam C.; Bud; Lilliana P.; Mark; Marc; Anne K. (of blessed memory); John A.; medical practitioners; those who have tested positive for COVID19; Those waiting to receive vaccinations; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral;

LET US PRAY ~

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 – may peace prevail on earth.

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)

# **SunBurst News**

### **BECOME AN EASTER LILY**

- The sponsors of our Easter programming are called Easter Lilies. Easter Lilies help us have a grand Easter celebration which also helps energize the ministries of the Sunshine Cathedral. This year, our Easter budget will also support the work of the Global Justice institute. Our Easter Lilies make special donations in memory or in honor of loved ones whose names are included in the Easter Sunday worship program. There are Easter Lily envelopes in the worship bags and an Easter Lily link is available on our website. Those wishing to be Easter Lilies must make their commitment by March 29 as April 4 is Easter Sunday. For more info contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@ sunshinecathedral.org).

### KEEP IT COVERED

- Sunshine Cathedral asks that you continue to 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. Hopefully we are in the last months of needing these protocols, but for the present time, we will continue to follow these guidelines.

### SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL IS A POP UP COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE

-April 17 ONLY, from 9 am to 3 pm, COVID-19 vaccinations will be given on the campus of Sunshine Cathedral. Hundreds of vaccinations will be available but you must reserve your spot. Vaccine reservations can easily be made at Sunshinecathedral.org.

### FOOD SHARING PROGRAM

- The first Sunday of every month is Loaves and Fishes Sunday. If you're planning to attend our Easter worship service, please consider bringing a donation of nonperishable food items with you to help Sunshine Cathedral's Food Sharing Ministry. All donations are greatly appreciated and make a big difference in people's lives.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- April 1, Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm (Facebook & YouTube ONLY); April 2, Good Friday Concert, 7pm (In-Person: Mask & Reservation Required; Live Broadcast: Facebook & YouTube); April 4, Easter Sunday, 9am In-Person (Mask & Reservation Required) and 10:30am In-Person (Mask & Reservation Required...Live Broadcast on Facebook & YouTube)

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

– When actor/comedian Ellen DeGeneres played the first gay lead character on American network television in the 1990s, she not only broke a barrier in entertainment, she broadened acceptance of LGBTQ people across the country. It was a pivotal moment in American cultural history that echoes today.

### 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

- Happening Out TV produces It's Happening Out (weekly), Gay Town Hall (weekly), Sunshine Cathedral Sunday Worship (weekly), and Queer News Tonight (weeknights) Happening Out Television Network is a streaming network that produces LGBTQ+ themed news and social programming. Look for Happening Out TV on Facebook and YouTube. The Network studio is now on the campus of the Sunshine Cathedral.

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

March 29: Emmanuel Swedenborg (1688 – 1772) – Swedish scientist, philosopher, and Christian mystic. His writings influenced William Blake, Elizabeth Barrett

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### March 30: Maimonides (1135 – 1204)

- A Jewish rabbi and philosopher (sometimes called by his admirers the "second Moses"). He is considered the premier Jewish philosopher of the Middle Ages. Maimonides sought to harmonize faith and reason, and was open to elements of Neo-Platonism. He interpreted the bible allegorically and minimized anthropomorphic (human) characterizations of God.

### Horatio W. Dresser (1866-1954)

- His parents were students of Quimby. He was graduated from Harvard and later became a Swedenborgian minister. His many writings include The Christ Ideal, The Perfect Whole, Spiritual Health and Healing, Handbook of the New Thought, and The Power of Silence. He also compiled and edited a selection of Phineas Quimby's works: The Quimby Manuscripts. Dresser believed, "Any individual can be, in time, what he [or she] earnestly desires to be, if he [or she] but set his [or her] face steadfastly in the direction of that one thing and bring all his [or her] powers to bear upon its attainment."

### Sister Thea Bowman (1937-1990)

—African-American Franciscan. Thea Bowman was born in rural Mississippi. As a nun she worked to integrate her Catholic faith and her identity as an African-American woman. Being the only black face in a white religious order she tended to stand out! Rather than conforming to European models, she was determined to express her black cultural identity, but as a Catholic. She earned a doctorate in English, and was known as a spellbinding preacher. In her final struggle with breast cancer, her prayer was "Lord, let me live until I die."

### March 31: Rene Descartes (1596 in France – 1650 in Sweden)

– Descartes wrote, "God is the First Cause which must have produced the idea of God in the thinker." Of course, his most famous quote is, "I think, therefore I am." He believed that Mind knows Itself before anything else. He encouraged methodic doubt, saying it "is necessary for honest thought."

### April 2: St. Mary of Egypt (344 – 421)

- According to legend Mary of Egypt was a sexually insatiable libertine who went on an "anti-pilgrimage" to Jerusalem for the sole purpose of having dalliances with pilgrims. She tried to enter a church and an invisible force wouldn't permit her to do so. She then noticed an icon of the Blessed Lady Mary (Mother of the Lord) and dedicated her life to God on the spot. She then was able to enter the church. A "voice" told her that if she were to cross the Jordan she would find rest. She went to a monastery on the bank of the Jordan, made confession and received Holy Communion, and then crossed the river to spend the rest of her days as a hermit. She died alone and wasn't found for a year. When her body was found, it had not begun the decomposition process. The person who found her buried her with the help of a passing lion!

### **Holy Week Services**

1 April - Maundy Thursday Service 7pm FaceBook & YouTube ONLY

2 April - Good Friday Concert 7pm In-Person: Mask & Reservation Required Live Broadcast: FaceBook & YouTube

4 April - Easter Sunday 9am In-Person: Mask & Reservation Required

**10:30am** In-Person: Mask & Reservation Required Live Broadcast on FaceBook & YouTube

> 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 March

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Weekly Generosity Income Needed Generosity Income Received	\$10,797.56 \$15,418.89
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$4,621.33
Per Capita Giving	\$33.26
Worship Services	136
Online Virtual Resourcing	80,406
Food Shairing	579

Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org

# Thank You Easter Líly Donors

Easter Lily Host Phil Cordell In Memory and In Honor of Loved Ones.

Easter Líly Donors John Kent – In Memory of Terry Phillpott, the love of my life. Mark Nogal - In Memory of Mom & Dad. Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin Phillip & Sara Burns

Daffodíl Donors Richard/Raül Childs - In Memory of Carlos Diaz/Kirby Sellers. Rev Elder Don Eastman - In Honor and In Memory Loved Ones. Larry Gammons - In Memory of Carl Jennings. Steven McGehee - In Memory of BLM say their names & Victims of COVID-19. Rev Kevin Tisdol & Michael Mitchell – In Memory of our fathers, Odell Mitchell & Otis Tisdol.

Jonquíl Donors

Rick Brown – In Memory Father & Mother, Gus & Mary and Grandmother, Nan. Mary & Tom Fedoration - In Memory of Ruth Fedoration. Cory Hagopian & Brian Flanagan Deacon Jean Johnson & Norma Wingo - In Honor of Sunshine Cathedral Phil McChesney & Joel Scinto - In Honor of 1st Lt. Logan McChesney. Sam Miller & Tara Sperry - In Anticipation of Babies Sadie and Sloan Sperry. Keith Muller & Stephen Plescia – In Honor of Volunteers at Sunshine Cathedral. Penny Sanfilippo & Jonny Altobell – In Honor of the Family we choose. Jeff Shearer & Rudy Molinet – In Memory of Michael Shearer, loving brother; We hope you are dancing. Brad Sterl & Ted Davis – In Memory of Liz Sterl and Matilda Davis. Beth Yongue & Jim Knight – In Honor of All the friends we've made on Sunshine Cathedral cruises.

Tulip Donors

Erin Aber - In Memory of Joe & Better Melton. Rev Dr Anne Atwell & Amy Walker - In Honor of our Mothers. Andre Caetano & Michael Manning - In Memory of David Rolfs Manning. Ron Couture & Bob Easton Marc Dickerman - In Memory of my parents. Melody Fiore - In Honor of my church. Deacon Ed Huckemeyer - In Memory of Sonja Heller. Richard Killoran - In Memory of my husband, Dave Keller. Mark Messinger & Scott Schwab - In Memory of Delores, Juna & Letty. Robert McCormick & Bary Clifton – In Memory of Bary's dad who died this past year. Michael Moore – In Memory of COVID Victims. Ralph Stivali - In Memory of Al LaMorges. Cathy Tullo & Karen Dougherty – In Honor of our parents. Robert Woodman - In Memory of Stain Ainsworth.



# Sunshine Cathedral Online Schedule

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

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

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

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

# **The Cathedral Staff**

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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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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