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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Our All-Inclusive God

Sunday, June 6th 2021

Happy Pride Month

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 Dr Anne Atwell

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

Once We Were Not a People

Once we were not a people, God's people now are we, a diverse, Rainbow people, a new community. We once feared condemnation on earth and from above, until God's grace and mercy showed us the way of love.

We are a holy nation, empower'd and called by God as prophets, teachers, healers, to spread good news abroad. To live and work together God called us from the night of gloom and isolation into a wondrous light.

We are a pilgrim people, of every class and race, from many sects and cultures, now gathered in one place. We challenge one another to bend and grow, and be a church were all God's children can find a family.

Once we were not a people, God's people now are we, a proud determined people, still striving to be free; a gentle, loving people with justice as our aim; a diverse, Rainbow people united in Christ's name.

*Opening Prayer*Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. That we may be strengthened by divine grace for the tasks of this week.

God have mercy.

That those who are in need will be helped and comforted.

Christ have mercy.

That people of goodwill everywhere will seek peace and justice.

God have mercy. Amen.

Sung Response

Oh the Glory of Your Presence

Oh the glory of your presence. We your temple give you rev'rence. So arise to your rest and be blessed by our praise as we glory in your embrace as your presence now fills this place.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

Listen to Prophetic Wisdom (Isaiah 56.1, 3-8a) Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness...Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely separate me from God's people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."

For thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which shall not be cut off."

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord... these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts...

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

Please rise as you are able.

Sung Response

Children of the Rainbow Promise

Children of the Rainbow Promise, with God's blessing sure upon us, by the Spirit's living waters, born again: God's sons and daughters.

Bread of heaven, cup of blessing; life's new covenant confessing, loving Parent, kind and tender, to your mercies we surrender.

Listen to the Good News of Jesus as told by St. Matthew (19.12)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus said, "Some are eunuchs who from the mother's womb were so born; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by others; and there are eunuchs who kept themselves eunuchs because of the reign of the heavens: those who can accept this message should do so."

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

Sung Response Children of the Rainbow Promise

Let our promise now be given to be salt and to be leaven, to be agents of God's caring through our growing and our sharing.

O immortal God of glory, when we tell the world your story, may they see we're not in factions; may they know you by our actions.

Please be seated.

The Anthem Stand in The Light

By Stephan Moccio and Lauren Christy Performed By Sara Burns

Homily Our All-Inclusive God

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Song of Response I Love Myself the Way I Am

I love myself the way I am, there's nothing I need to change. I'll always be the perfect me, there's nothing to rearrange. I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and I love myself just the way I am.

I love you, the way you are, there's nothing you need to do. When I feel the love inside, it's easy to love you. Behind your fears, your rage and tears, I see your shining star, and I love you just the way you are.

I love the world the way it is, 'cause I can clearly see that all the things I judge are done by people just like me. So 'til the birth of peace on earth that only love can bring, I'll help it grow by loving everything.

I love myself the way I am, and still I want to grow, but change outside can only come when deep inside I know: I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and I love myself just the way I am.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Coming to Our Own

Lord, we are your servants; like the Phoenix we will rise. Strong, empowered people, love's fire in our eyes. In fear we were divided, but you gently touched our souls. Now with courage we're united, healing, healthy, whole.

Free to love, free to live, free to dream, free to give. We're a family coming home. We are coming to our own. We have laughed, we have cried, we have lived, we have died. We're a family coming home. We are coming to our own.

Service of Sacraments

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

Stewardship Thought

"At its best, giving is an act of worship."

Colonel Cornelius J. Dyck

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

Partita No. 3 in E Major, VI. Bourrée and VII. Gigue
By J.S. Bach
Performed By Laura Gonzalez

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

We Are An Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

God, use our voices, God, use our hands, God, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering; we are an offering.

Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

We Remember

Bruce Haley	06/06/1990	Ned Rizzo - Schultz	06/07/2019
John Rountree	06/06/1992	Fran Burzi	06/08/1991
Randy Lee Perry	06/06/1992	Donn Needles	06/09/1994
Sandy Schaps	06/06/1997	Margaret Hamlin	06/10/1993
Pat Brydges	06/06/2007	Tony Scaturro	06/10/1994
Robert Reed	06/06/2008	Gene McGarrigle	06/11/1997
James W. Smith	06/07/2009	Paul Smith	06/12/1994

Prayer Chorus

In the Name of the Lord

There is strength in the names of our God; there is power in the names of our God; there is hope in the names of our God! Blessed are all who come in the names of our God!

Intercessions

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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.

These prayers we offer in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, and as he did we continue to pray:

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

One: "On the night Judas betrayed him, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to God for it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take this and eat it. This is my body. (+) Remember me.'

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant between God and you, set in motion by my life. When you do this, (+) remember me.'

For every time you eat this bread and share this cup, you are telling my story."

All: When we gather, when we share, when we remember, when we live our lives in ways that bring hope to other lives, we embody the life of Christ. And so it is.

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

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 woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,

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 young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

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 gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

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

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

Final Song

This Is Me

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown them out I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me

Look out 'cause here I come And I'm marching on to the beat I drum I'm not scared to be seen I make no apologies, this is me Oh-oh-oh

I won't let them break me down to dust I know that there's a place for us For we are glorious

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown them out I am brave, I am bruised I am who I'm meant to be, this is me

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Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

Centering Thought:

"May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah [and Hagar], and of Jesus Christ - son of our sister Mary, and of the holy Spirit who broods over the world as a mother broods over her children, be upon us and remain with us. Amen."

We pray for the following ~

Walt L.; Barbara; Mary B. (of blessed memory); Jeanne M.; Cindy & Richard; the nation of India; Nancy; Lynn; Emily & Brett; Wick & family; Lou (of blessed memory); DeWayne; the Davis family; Mark M.; Gilda; Anita; Carol W.; CJ; Victoria (of blessed memory); Rob; Paul; Margaret; Ivette & RPH; Rozen; Darlene; JNK; Rosie; Gladys; Pete; Hildra; Leah; Brian; Sue & her parents; Tara & Sam; Sadie & Sloan; MLF; Ann; Elijah N.; "Dad" Steve; Baby Julia; "Mom"; "Dad"; Marc; P. Sutter; Brad; Joe; Max M.; Marco K.; Mama Halford; BD; Robert Jr; Sue D.; TP; PB; Tony; Herbie; Luis; DCP; Layne; Judy; Dorothy; Nita; Jason; Baby Charley; Chuck; Hope; Ester; Leslie; Mary H.; FBQ; Paul; Bill; Dede; Shawna; all who have been burdened by the pandemic; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral:

LET US PRAY

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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

SUMMER CLUB - The Summer Club is our effort to keep the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral fully funded through the summer. We ask that whatever your regular offering to Sunshine Cathedral is, whether you give weekly or monthly, that you give that amount one extra time over the summer. When you give your extra gift, make sure you let us know that it is a Summer Club donation. As we begin to come out of pandemic we want to be as strong and as active as we need to be to make a difference in our community and beyond. Thank you for your generosity.

FOLLOW AND SUBSCRIBE - We invite you to follow Sunshine Cathedral on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel. And if our ministry has been a blessing to you, please tell others about the Sunshine Cathedral.

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP - Last year our digital programming received over 5 million views. Our weekly Sunday Service Celebration alone reaches up to 30,000 viewers per week. On Pentecost Sunday 2021, we announced the launch of Sunshine Cathedral's Global Fellowship.

We're extending nearly all of our ministries (pastoral care, sacraments – including baptism, worship, religious education, even service and leadership opportunities) to anyone who wants to participate no matter where on earth they may be. One can become a Sunshine Cathedral Friend, a Sunshine Cathedral Partner and even find a path to full Cathedral membership.

Global Friends, Partners, and Members will be asked to support our work with time, talent, and treasure and to be the light of Sunshine Cathedral in local communities, which is the same commitment local parishioners are asked to make. Learn more by going to SunshineCathedral.org.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – June 26, 9 am to Noon Eastern via Zoom. For information, please contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.org). Anyone may take the course from anywhere. It's an easy and enjoyable way to learn about the Sunshine Cathedral.

JOIN US ON MONDAYS - Christians & Cocktails (6 pm EASTERN, Facebook)

PRAY WITH US DAILY - Noon EASTERN on Facebook: Midday Prayer

LOAVES & FISHES - The first Sunday of each month is Loaves & Fishes Sunday where your gifts of non-perishable food items are accepted for our Food Pantry and Brown Bag Lunches. Our food sharing ministry responds to the difficulties of food insecurity in our community. Those who need food are served with no questions asked.

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL HELPS LOCAL SALVATION ARMY COMMAND – Recently Sunshine Cathedral answered the call to assist a local evangelical charity's food sharing efforts, even though, the ministry is affiliated with the Salvation Army, an historically anti-LGBTQ organization. Christ's command to love as he loved (John 13.34) causes us to respond with love when anyone is

hungry. Joyfully, we soon learned that the leadership of the local S.A. ministry does not share the homophobic views of their parent organization. Working together, more people are receiving needed help in these uncertain times. #LoveWins

CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH WITH SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL – LGBTQ+ pride is the promotion of affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, Queer as well as those who are Questioning, pansexual, non-binary, strong allies to the community, etc. (LGBTQ+) as a social group. Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the view that bolsters most LGBTQ+ rights movements.

Common symbols of pride are variations of the rainbow or pride flag, the lowercase Greek letter lambda (λ), the pink triangle and the black triangle, these latter two reclaimed from use as badges of shame in WW2 Nazi concentration camps.

MOVIE NIGHT – "Rosewood" will be shown on Friday, June 18 at 7 pm in the Lawrence/Lewis Center for Worship & the Arts (Sunshine Cathedral's Worship space). The event is FREE.

SOME IDENTIFY AS QUEER - I know and appreciate that queer has a painful history as a slur. I do not discount that. If it was used to cause you harm, I'm so sorry. That's true even for some of us who identify as queer. Our identity does not protect us. Know I see and love you. I'm also going to gently ask you not to critique or otherwise discount those of us who ID as queer, because it is a hard word for you. Similarly, please don't ask us to defend our identities just because they challenge you. We've had our own painful experiences, and our identities are hard won.

Queer is also a widely accepted academic category and descriptor...It can also be used as a shorthand umbrella term: queer kids, the queer community etc. Its uses are myriad.

LGBTQ+ is the most inclusive acronym for the broader community. MANY of us are not represented in LGBT. Lastly, please remember that the first pride was a riot. It was led by trans women of color standing up against police brutality. Pride is inherently radical and revolutionary. It is at its core about pushing the boundaries of what is comfortable and socially acceptable. If you want to celebrate with us, be willing to push your own comfortable limits a little. (from "Queer is the Word I Use to Define...", by Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath for Medium.com)

HOUT TV - Our Sunday broadcast is made possible by Happening Out Television Network and donors who support our televised ministry. Happening Out is a streaming network that produces LGBTQ+ themed news and social programming. You can find them on Facebook and YouTube. Their studio is on the campus of the Sunshine Cathedral.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

June 6: St. Philip the Deacon – one of the first 7 deacons of the Jesus Movement. May have been the one to baptize the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8.

June 7: Seattle (1786?-1866)—Chief of the Suquamish. As a child growing up on Puget Sound, Seattle witnessed the arrival of the first white settlers. When he became chief he tried to use peaceful dialogue, rather than violence, to coexist with the increasing demands of the new settlers. He and his people converted to Christianity, but he came to see that there were fundamental spiritual differences between his people and the settlers, especially in our relationship with the earth. He understood that "to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its Creator."

June 9: St. Columba (521-597)—Irish abbot credited with spreading Christianity throughout what is now Scotland.

June 11: St. Barnabas (d. 61) – a cousin of John Mark (of the Gospel of Mark) and a traveling companion of the Apostle Paul on mission journeys, is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and in Pauline literature. Tradition says he was martyred.

June 12: Anne Frank (1929-1945)—Witness of the Holocaust. During the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam, Ann Frank's family remained in hiding for two years. At the age of 13 she took her school books and a diary into captivity with her. There she recorded not only their day to day struggle for survival, but her personal growth as a young woman who could find hope in the face of hopelessness. Shortly after turning fifteen they were discovered and she was sent to her death in the concentration camps.

Martyrs of Pulse – (2016) A mass shooter killed 49 people and left 53 wounded at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. Pulse was a "gay bar", an establishment catering to the LGBTQ community. The attack was the deadliest act of violence against LGBTQ people in U.S. history (surpassing the 1973 mass killing of people in a gay bar in New Orleans). It was also America's deadliest mass shooting by a single shooter — until the record was broken in Las Vegas in 2017.



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 Weekly Financial Information

Donating to Sunshine Cathedral

Venmo or CashApp

Venmo - @SunshineCathedral

CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral

Text to Give - 954.399.7333

Financial Data Snapshot from 30 May

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$10,797.56 Generosity Income Received \$5,654.62 Our Abundance and/or (Need) (\$5,142.94)

Per Capita Giving \$24.35

Worship Services 148
Online Virtual Resourcing 109,285

Food Sharing 657

Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org

Bereavement Support Group

Each of us mourns the death of a loved one differently.

Many find comfort in sharing the pain, anger, depression and other emotions they feel following a loss.

For group schedule and information please contact Rev Dr Anne Atwell Anne@SunshineCathedral.net

Sunshine Cathedral Online Schedule

Sunday Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live Sunshine Cathedral YouTube 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

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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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