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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

9 Am

Sunday, July 25th 2021

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** When Israel Camped in Sinai

When Israel camped in Sinai, God spoke and Moses heard, this message tell the people, and give them this my word. From Egypt I was with you; I bore you on my wing, the whole of your great nation from slav'ry I did bring.

Just as a mother eagle who helps her young to fly, I Am a mother to you; your needs I will supply.

And you are as my children, my own who hear my voice. I Am a mother to you, the people of my choice.

If God is like an eagle who helps her young to fly, and God is also father, then what of you and I?

We have no fear of labels; we have no fear of roles, God blends them and transcends them; we seek the self same goal.

Our God is not a woman; our God is not a man, our God is both and neither, our God is I Who Am. From all the roles that bind us, our God has set us free.

What freedom does God give us? The freedom just to be.

#### **Opening Prayer** Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Let us pray: Help us, God our savior; Deliver us and make us whole.

Look upon your congregation; Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations; And your wonders among all people.

- Let not the oppressed be shamed or turned away; Never forget the lives of the poor.
- Let us acknowledge and embrace your loving-kindness; And grant favor to those who are true of heart.
- Satisfy us with your goodness in the morning; So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives Amen.

#### Sung 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.

#### Service of Proclamation

#### A Reading from the Fourth Gospel

(John 8.58-59; 10.7-11; 15.7-11) 9am - Rev Marian Cavagnaro 10:30 - Rev Margarita Rodriguez

Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

[Religious people] picked up stones to throw at him, but he hid himself and left the temple.

[Another time, Jesus said], <sup>•</sup>Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All who came before me were thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them.

"I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be saved. They will go in and out and will find pasture.

"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance.

"I am the good shepherd."

[And still another time, Jesus said], "I am the true vine, and my divine Parent is the vine-grower."

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

#### Sung Response

I Love Myself the Way I Am

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.

#### Please be seated.

	The Anthem		<i>The Way I Am</i> By Ingrid Michaelson Performed By Sara Burns
	Homily	Rev Dr Durro	<i>I Am</i> ell Watkins, Senior Minister
vay;	Invitation to Pra	ayer	Please rise as you are able.

#### Song of Response

#### Til the Storm Passes By

In the dark of the midnight, I have oft hid my face, while the storms howl above me, and there's no hiding place; 'Mid the crash of the thunder, precious One, hear my cry, keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times someone told me, there is no need to try, for there's no end of sorrow, there's no hope by and by. But I know God is with me, and tomorrow I'll rise where the storms never darken the skies.

'Til the storm passes over, 'til the thunder sounds no more, 'til the clouds roll forever from the sky, Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of your hand; keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

#### **Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations**

#### Sign of Peace

Light of God in Me (Tune: Woodworth ["Just As I Am"] Words: ©2012, Durrell Watkins)

Just as I am, I'm meant to be God is my life eternally And Love divine embraces me O Light of God in me...in me.

Just as I am I'm whole and free Love, hope and joy are all for me And Truth affirms my dignity O Light of God in me...in me.

Just as I am healed, prospered and blessed Grace frees me now from strife and stress and I receive Life's very best O Light of God in me...in me.

#### **Rite of Membership**

**Receiving New Sunshine Cathedral Members** 

#### Service of Sacraments

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

#### **Stewardship Thought**

"This church cannot survive without your faith, your confidence, your enthusiasm, your generosity. Its destiny, the larger hope, rests in your hands." Michael A. Schuler

#### **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**

*I Am Changing* By Henry Krieger and Tom Eyen Performed By Justin Ritchie

#### 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 Kevin Tisdol

#### We Remember

Steve Shadgett Martha Ross John Hinson Richard Marion 
 07/26/1994
 Alberto Pombo
 07/30/1996

 07/26/2019
 Jerry Weingart
 07/30/1999

 07/29/1993
 Gary Drury
 07/31/1994

 07/30/1991
 07/31/1994

#### **Prayer Chorus**

On Eagle's Wings

And God will raise us up on eagle's wings, bear us on the breath of dawn, make us to shine like the sun, and hold us in the palm of God's hand.

#### Intercessions

9am - Rev Marian Cavagnaro 10:30 - Rev Margarita Rodriguez

For the Sunshine Cathedral's local congregation and global fellowship,

For all who are on our prayer list,

For this and every nation,

For all who are worshiping with us today and for all who are on our hearts we pray:

May God bless and watch over us all. May God comfort us in times of trial. May God's love shine forth in our lives.

And with people all over the world we pray – May peace prevail on earth.

As Jesus taught us, 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 Marian Cavagnaro

#### Sursum Corda

God is with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to God. Let us give thanks to God. It is joyful to live in gratitude.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Omnipresent, everlasting, all-loving God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we give you praise and glory:

#### Holy, holy, holy -

God of Light and Love, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and said, *"This is my body...When you share this bread, remember me."* 

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup and said,

"This cup is God's new covenant, set in motion in my life. Drink, and remember me."

Eternal God, we ask you in the name of the Lord Jesus to bless and sanctify this bread and fruit of the vine to the souls of all those who receive them, that we may eat and drink in remembrance of him. *Amen.* 

Amen.

#### Rev Kevin Tisdol

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

#### **Communion is Shared**

#### Communion Song

Invitation to Communion

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

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Noisy Offering I Am What I Am By Jerry Herman Performed By Edwin Neimann

#### 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** 

**Rev Dr Durrell Watkins** 

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

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

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Commissioning

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

#### Postlude

Ms Barbara Ramcharitar

#### SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

#### Centering Thought:

"Hope cannot die. Eternal Hope is forever warm and fresh within me; the deathless Hope built upon the rock of sure knowledge. O Hope Sublime, O Life Supreme, behold I come to Thee as a tired child, and Thou dost rekindle within me the fires of Faith. Being rises to meet the Dawn. Hope, Faith and Love are in me." Ernest Holmes

#### We pray for the following ~

Camille (of blessed memory); J&K; Noah; Matthew & Michael; John O.; Ken; Suzanne; Benjamin; Leslie; Layne; Dan M.; Kelley; Lewis family; Julia; Kona (of blessed memory); Michelle; Jim M.; Sergio; "Abuela"; those affected by Surfside disaster; Jeffery; Carol & Mario; Rita J.; Leslie; Pete; the people of Haiti; those facing storms; Machelle G; Debbie H; Michale D; Dick B; Margaret H; Angela L; Pearl K; Shirley H; Ron D; Mama Sarah;Sadie & Sloan; Heel; MLF; Tricianne (of blessed memory); Walt; Nancy; Emily; Anne; Elijah; AGW; family of Martin M.; David K.; Rick W.'s mother; Dan R.; Steve G.; Ken; Eric; Shannon; Anjen; Huabeff family; John M.; Eckeverria family; Alan Y.; Rick M.; Titi Gloria; Champion; Analia: Gabriel: Heel B.; Jackie: Leslie: Candy: Bud; Lenni; Cuba; Haiti; DonnaChristine; Jere; JFB's mom (of blessed memory); Tom S.; Pat A.; Will & Maureen; William; Matt; John; Marty; Shelby & Greg; Lydia P.; Elba; Greg; Rob; Dan; Karen's mom; Barbara S.; Terri Z.; Carolyn R.; Jackie & Margaret; Marshal & Kevin; Sandy; Herb; Warren; Melodye; Genevieve; Anne; Ruthy; Angela; Connie; Dick B.; Louise; Lewis family; Robbie B.; Britney; Justin; 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 ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; those who meet for any reason at Sunshine Cathedral Square: members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral **Global Fellowship** 

#### LET US PRAY

We bless all who have been committed to the care of our prayers: May they be filled with loving kindness; may they be well. May they be peaceful and at ease; and may they 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).

SunBurst News

**COFFEE** - Our social time after services has returned to the Social Hall. Just coffee, no food and no sitting, but plenty of coffee and air conditioning, so stop by for a cup of coffee and conversation.

**GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP** - If you don't live in the Fort Lauderdale area but are finding Sunshine Cathedral to be a primary source of spiritual enrichment in your life, we invite you to consider joining the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship. You can learn about how you can become part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship by visiting SunshineCathedral.org

**BROACAST MINISTRY** - July is our month to focus on our streaming broadcast ministry. Your support is needed and appreciated. Donations earmarked for the Streaming Broadcasts will help us continue to grow and serve locally and globally. Thank you for helping us reach the world with truly good news for all people.

*Live Broadcast Goal: \$15K raised \$3,416.00* Rev Dr Anne Atwell & Amy Walker Bill Spinosa & Frank Molano Rev Cindy Lippert Gary Grieve & Patrick McGeachen Linda Edin and Deacon Lydya Chapman Rev Lynda Pantoja & Rev Margarita Rodriguez Mary Tullo & Karen Dougherty Mike Manning & Andre Caetano Peter Cinelli, MD Phil Cordell Robert Woodman Steve Laskin Deacon Suzanne Gallagher, EdD

**BACK TO SCHOOL** – In July and August we are invited to donate backpacks filled with school supplies to give to children returning to school in the Fall. This program is being offered in partnership with SunServe. Thank you for helping children prepare for a new year of learning and growing. For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.org).

**MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL FOR WORSHIP** - We hope everyone has been vaccinated by now, and if you have not been vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to wear a mask. We have masks available to you in the Narthex. Hand sanitizer is also available to you as you enter and exit the worship center. We want everyone to remain safe as we navigate our shared future.

**THE HOLY LAND** - Join us for a once in a lifetime group trip to Israel. Experience the rich diversity of this amazing country, from historic sights of Jerusalem to the vibrant Mediterranean city of Tel Aviv with a group of like-minded travelers. May 21 - 28, 2022 #OUTstanding Travel For more information email Pkcordell@gmail.com **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. Next Sunday is Loaves & Fishes Sunday.

**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. Thank you for your generosity.

Summer Club Goal: \$15K raised \$7,546.01 Allan Dewes & Austin Lee Rev Dr Anne Atwell & Amy Walker Barbara Ramcharitar Bob McCormick & Bary Clifton Brad Sterl & Tedd Davis Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin Deacon Edward Huckemeyer Gary Grieve & Patrick McGeachen James Burke James McDaniel Joanne Simon Joe Osborne John Schaufelberger Rev Kevin Tisdol & Michael Mitchell Linda Edin & Deacon Lydya Chapman Rev Lynda Pantoja & Rev Margarita Rodriguez Marc Dickerman Rev Marian Cavagnaro Mark Lubold & Rodney Bolton Mark Messinger & Scott Schwab Mark Nogal Mary Tullo & Karen Dougherty Michael E Brady Michael Moore Michael Soderman Michael Spatz Mike Manning & Andre Caetano Peter Sheridan & Enrique Blanco Philip Cordell Philip McChesney & Joel Scinto Richard Schwarz & Tom Massey **Richard Brown** Robert Woodman Dr Rozen Patterson & Judy Boles Rudy Molinet & Jeff Shearer Steven McGehee Deacon Jean Johnson & Norma Wingo Victor Ramos & Dennis McWilliams Wade Boyles & Jeff Hays William Bryan & Juan Martinez

**GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP TRAVEL PROGRAM**: Italy -Sunshine Cathedral's Global Fellowship program is going on its first trip where global/online friends, partners and members along with local congregants can meet in person for a fun trip to Italy. This first class trip includes 4-star hotels in Rome and Tuscany, breakfast and dinner daily, and trip insurance all for about \$1800 (\$1 deposit and \$99 monthly installments). Join more than 60 global fellow congregants already scheduled to join us. Space is limited. https://happeningout.travel/sunshine/

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#### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July 25: Apostle James the Greater (d. 44) – one of Jesus' apostles.

**St. Christopher (d. 251)** - Patron of travelers. a Canaanite convert and a "giant" (7.5 feet tall), the legend of Christopher says he used his size to help pilgrims cross a dangerous river. One day he carried a toddler who identified himself to Christopher as Jesus (and then disappeared). Christopher was eventually martyred for his faith. "Christopher" means "Christ bearer."

July 26: St. Anne (50 BCE-12 CE) - According to Christian and Muslim traditions, Anne was the mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus.

July 28: Frederick J. Eikerenkoetter II "Rev. Ike" (1935 – 2009) – a prosperity preacher who taught that health, wealth, good luck, harmonious relationships, and protection from adversaries could all be achieved and experienced by those who practiced his system of metaphysics. His seminary taught the "Science of Living" and his business institute was the home of "Thinkonomics." His church was a large, remodeled theatre in Washington Heights (NYC) and he believed that combining affirmative prayer with generous giving could result in an empowered, joyous, and even opulent life. Rev. Ike taught, "Acknowledge the God

in you and ask for guidance" and "Your mind will work what seems like miracles to accomplish the good purpose you give it." He used such affirmations as "Nothing is too good for me" and "Good health is my divine right." He liked the bible verse, "According to your faith shall it be done to you." He called his teaching "mind power", "self-awareness", and "self-image psychology."

**July 29: William Wilberforce (1759-1833)**—Abolitionist. The life of Wilberforce proved that a politician can also be moral and heroic. Born to a wealthy and influential family, he experienced an evangelical conversion shortly after entering Parliament, where he worked for overseas missions and education. As a member of the House of Commons he supported political and social reforms, most especially his long and persistent fight against slavery and the slave-trade. Slavery was finally abolished in the British empire just weeks before his death. Seven hundred thousand slaves were freed. He was buried in Westminster Abbey as a national hero.

July 30: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany-Jesus' family of choice. The stories of this household from Bethany (a village right outside Jerusalem) are found in the gospels of Luke and John. They are portrayed as close friends and disciples of Jesus, and are remembered for their hospitality. Martha has come to symbolize the active response to faith, those who get things done, and Mary that of the contemplative. When Lazarus died, Jesus stood at his grave and openly wept. While they are described as brothers and sisters, it has been suggested that Mary and Martha may have actually been a couple who called each other 'sisters' in order to pass in society. They are important for modern gay and lesbian people of faith because they represent Jesus' family of choice -two unmarried women, and an unmarried man. Like many of us today, Jesus defined his family by intentional covenant, rather than biological or legal relatedness.

July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)—Founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). Many modern liberation theologies (in which gay and feminist theologies are rooted) have come from Latin American Jesuits.

**St. Joseph of Arimathea** – is said to have provided the burial tomb for Jesus.

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly			
Financial Information	Financial Data Snapshot from 18 July		
Donating to Sunshine Cathedral	Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$10,797.56 Generosity Income Received \$12,937.27		
	Our Abundance and/or (Need) \$2,139.71		
Venmo or CashApp	Per Capita Giving \$25.79		
Venmo - @SunshineCathedral	Worship Services 189		
Cook Ann Course in Cothedrel	Online Virtual Resourcing 95,659		
CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral	Food Sharing Ministry Total Reached 527		
Text to Give - 954.399.7333	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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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