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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

At Home in God

Sunday, August 22nd 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

O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder

O mighty God, when I survey in wonder the world that formed when once the word you said,

The strands of life all woven close together, the whole creation at your table fed.

My soul cries out in songs of praise to you, O mighty God! O mighty God!

My soul cries out in songs of praise to you, O mighty God! O mighty God!

When your voice speaks in rolls of thunder pealing, your lightning power bursts in bright surprise;

When cooling rain, your gentle love revealing, reflects your promise, arcing through the skies,

My soul cries out in songs of praise to you, O mighty God! O mighty God!

My soul cries out in songs of praise to you, O mighty God! O mighty God!

The bible tells the story of your blessing so freely shed upon all human life;

Your constant mercy, every care addressing, relieving burdened souls from fear and strife.

My soul cries out in songs of praise to you, O mighty God! O mighty God!

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And when, at last, the clouds of doubt dispersing, you will reveal what we but dimly see;

With trumpet call, our great rebirth announcing, we shall rejoin you for eternity.

Then we will sing your praise forever more O mighty God! O mighty. God!

Then we will sing your praise forever more, O mighty God! O mighty God!

The Decalogue

Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

Let us recall the commandments by which we seek to live:

- 1. Worship nothing other than the omnipresent, eternal God.
- 2. Do not try to confine God to any image.
- 3. Do not use God's name in hurtful or hateful ways.
- 4. Remember a day each week for worship and renewal.
- 5. Honor your elders.
- 6. Do not murder.
- 7. Do not break sacred vows.
- 8. Do not steal.
- 9. Do not bear false witness against anyone.
- 10. Do not begrudge whatever good fortune your neighbor may enjoy.
- St. Paul taught that love is the fulfillment of the law. Jesus said that loving God and neighbor is the message of the law and the prophets. We keep the commandments when we live in love. May the world know us by how loving we are.

Amen.

Sung Response

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amore, ubi caritas Deus ibi est. Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Service of Proclamation

A reading from the Psalter (Psalm 84) Rev Marian Cavagnaro

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my Sovereign and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you...

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen...

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob [and Leah and Rachel]!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For our God is a sun and shield; God bestows favor and honor. No good thing does God withhold from those who live uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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

Sung Response

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated.

The Anthem

You Are My Home
By Frank Wildhorn and Nan Knighton

Performed By Sara Burns

Homily

At Home in God Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

Invitation to Prayer

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.

Service of Sacraments

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

Stewardship Thought

"Whatever you want more of, give it away. I am a big believer in tithing...I believe that [what we give] does indeed come back multiplied." Jack Canfield

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

Over The Rainbow
By EY Harburg and Harold Arlen
Performed By Jessica Bianco Borbone

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		
Michael Pinder Jim Saunders John Morris Raymond Alpine Phillip Meteer Miguel Palau Miguel Hernandez Annie Ijames	08/22/1989 Walt Jacobs 08/22/1990 Ron Malven 08/22/1998 Scott Parkin 08/23/1992 Bill Pazienza 08/23/2004 Kenneth Brunell 08/24/1994 08/25/2008 08/26/1992	08/26/2002 08/27/1989 08/27/1990 08/27/2000 08/28/2005

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.

Affirmation of Faith

Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

Our hearts are set on God's loving presence. Let us affirm our trust in God.

I believe in God, the Good, and in the message and mission of

and in the message and mission of God's anointed prophet, Jesus the Wayshower

who was born of Marv.

suffered under Pontius Pilate.

was executed for empowering the powerless and restoring the dignity of the marginalized.

and yet he lives in our hearts and ministry.

I believe in the omnipresent power of divine Love, in the Blessed Community,

in the sacred value of all people, and in life without end. Amen.

Song of Response

In the Life of Omnipresence

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 filling all my days.

Intercessions

Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

In faith we now pray:

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

For those who have been entrusted to the care of our prayers,

For spiritual seekers,

For all who are distressed in mind, body, or estate,

For medical practitioners,

For first responders,

For leaders of nations.

For justice workers and peace makers,

For those who teach and those who learn.

May they be filled with loving kindness.

May they be well.

May they be peaceful and at ease.

May they be happy.

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

These prayers we offer in the name of all helpers of humanity, and in the words of Jesus, 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

Sursum Corda

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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, good, and a 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:

Song

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs around are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with joys aflame: holy, holy is your name.

Words of Remembrance

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

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."

Song

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Invitation to Communion

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

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.

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

Higher Love

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:

"If we are gripped by fear and anxiety, faced by apparently insoluble problems, we present our petition to the Divine Mind, and our fears and perplexities melt away; we soon find in ourselves an abundance of resourcefulness to extricate us from our difficulties; new vision, new light illumines our souls, we see horizons, we conceive new plans, we solve our difficulties. Thus is our prayer answered." Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein

We pray for the following ~

Mary B.; Lynne & family; Lynda P.; Billy; Luanne; Terri; Anon.: David: Christine: Victor: Michelle: Robert B.: Christina H.; Lee B.; John O.; JW; Suzanne G.; Marsha S-P; Elijah; AGW; MLF; Mama Sarah; Sloan & Sadie; Jere; Barbara; Walt; Nancy; DonnaChristine; Mary and those on her heart; Gary M. (of blessed memory); Mrs. H. (of blessed memory); Philip; KK; James; John; Frieda; Andrea; Chris M.; Scott O.; Shaundra S.; Leeanna B.; Merrily B.; JL; Thomas B.; Michelle; Lewis Family; Jimmy C.; James P.; Joey P.; Elo C.; Deborah; Lauren; Amy; Joe; Doreen; Kim; Karyn C.; Lenni; Leslie; Ken; Anon; Mary B. & family; Beverly B.; Vinny; Fred; Guillermo; N.; Rufus; Barbara; Rick (of blessed memory); Charlie; Rozen: Mark: Nana: Mark L.: Lindslev S.: Anne H.: Kathy K.; Elaite J.; Michael D.; Herb C.; Roy T.; Micki; Steve M.; Lewis Family; Bill K.; Kyle H.; 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: members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship

LET US PRAY

God is.

God is here,

God is everywhere.

God is good.

I place my faith in the omnipresent goodness that I call God.

I expect and allow blessings to be made manifest in my life and in every life committed to the care of my prayers. Let there be miracles now.

Alleluia.

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

MASKS FOR WORSHIP – For the time being, we are asking people to wear masks again at Sunshine Cathedral. We hope everyone is vaccinated, but with variant strains of the virus and some people having other conditions that place them at risk, we think this added precaution is wise. We'll relax the mask request as soon as we feel it is safe to do so.

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

THANKSGIVING HARVEST CAMPAIGN - Sunshine Cathedral's annual Thanksgiving Harvest Campaign begins Aug 15 and will last until November 21. We ask that you give \$99 above and beyond your regular financial gifts to the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral and to make that easy, we simply put aside one dollar per day for 99 days. Fill out a Harvest Campaign card. You can dedicate your gifts in the name of something or someone for which you are grateful. Thank you for your generous support.

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).

CHRISTIANS & COCKTAILS - Join us on Mondays for Christians & Cocktails (6 pm EASTERN, Facebook) where a panel of lay and clergy leaders discuss religious questions asked by viewers. No question is off limits.

MIDDAY PRAYER - Pray with us daily at Noon EASTERN on Facebook. Staff clergy rotate Monday – Saturday to lead us in prayer.

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

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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HELP NEEDED – We need more help with running worship slides. Those who wish to learn how to operate lights for worship are also needed. Training is provided and one need only be scheduled once every few weeks. It's a great help if you are available for both 9 am and 10:30 services on a given Sunday, but you can volunteer for just one time slot. For more information or to schedule a training on slides or lights, contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@ sunshinecathedral.org).

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS LOAVES & FISHES - 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.

Thank you Summer Club Donors Summer Club Goal: \$15K raised \$8,391.01

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August 24:

Apostle Bartholomew – one of "the Twelve." He may also be known as "Nathanael" in the 4th Gospel.

Simone Weil (1909-1943)—Philosopher and mystic. Born in France to a well-educated, nonreligious Jewish family, Weil had a brilliant mind and was drawn to philosophy. She dabbled in the labor movement and always identified with the suffering masses of humanity.

August 25:

St. Genesius the Comedian (d. circa 300) – St. Genesius is the patron saint of actors, comics, dancers, clowns, and torture victims. According to legend, he performed a series of plays that mocked Christians. During one performance for the Emperor Diocletian where he was making fun of baptism, he had a vision of angels and converted to Christianity right on stage! At first the Emperor thought it was part of the humor, but after he realized the comedic actor was suddenly serious, he ordered him to renounce his instantly embraced faith. For refusing to comply with the Emperor's order, Genesius was beheaded.

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot from 15 August

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$10,797.56 Generosity Income Received \$11,897.09 Our Abundance and/or (Need) \$1,099.53 Per Capita Giving \$34.46

Worship Services 134
Online Virtual Resourcing 157,548
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 526

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October 50th Anniversary Events

3 October

Anniversary Concert: New Direction Chamber Musical -In Person and Live Stream - 4PM \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

6 October

Sunshine Cathedral + Historical Display at Stonewall National Museum & Archives - Time: TBA \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

9 October **Anniversary Gala Reception**

Sunshine Cathedral Foundation and Sunshine Cathedral Gala Reception and Capital Campaign Kick-Off Time: 6PM - \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

16 October **Anniversary Community Concert**

In Person and Live Stream - 7PM Representatives from the Sunshine Cathedral Choir, Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida, South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble, NOVA Singers and Opera Fusion \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

24 October

Save the Date: 13th Annual Fort Lauderdale Edition of the OUTshine LGBTQ+ Film Festival - Details soon.

All tickets go on sale Sunday, 5 September.

If a ticketed event is cancelled due to COVID-19, a refund must be requested within two weeks of the event by email to Robert@SunshineCathedral.net.

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