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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Who Are We?

Sunday, September 12th 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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad, and there I found a resting place, where Jesus made me glad!

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, draw near, and drink, and live."

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dear world's light, look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus and I found my guiding star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll go till traveling days are done.

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

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

A story of the Buddha Rev Marian Cavagnaro

After Siddhartha's enlightenment, he was walking to Sarnath when someone stopped and asked him, "Why are you so aglow? Are you a god or a saint?" "No," he said simply, "I am awake."

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

Please rise as you are able.

The Gospel According to Mark (8.27-30) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They responded, "[Some say] John the baptizer; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

"But you," he asked, "who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ. [the

anointed one]."

Then Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

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

Sung Response

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

Please be seated.

The Anthem Who Are We? By Paul Francis Webster and Jerry Livingston Performed By Sara Burns

Homily	Who Are We? Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
Invitation to Prayer	Please rise as you are able.
Song of Response	The Prayer of Faith

God is my help in every need; God does my every hunger feed; God walks beside me, guides my way through every moment of the day.

I now am wise, I now am true, patient, kind, and loving, too. All things I am, can do, and be, through Christ the Truth that is in me.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows your seem tempest tossed, when you feel discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what our God has done. Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God has done; count your blessings, name them one by one; count your many blessings see what God has done.

When your life seems empty, it is so untrue; there's a mighty Presence making all things new. Miracles take place wherever you may be, proving that God's love is with you constantly. Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God has done; count your blessings, name them one by one; count your many blessings see what God has done.

Service of Sacraments

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

Stewardship Thought

"Giving is a journey, a calling, a way of living. It's not a separate part of life – it is life, turning your beliefs and values into action and impact." Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen

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 Corner of the Sky By Stephen Schwartz 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 Kevin Tisdol

We Remember

Hal Tripp Bob Longenberger Daphne Munro Molly McElwee Joe Cannaday 09/12/2002 Bill Glover 09/12/2003 Geoffrey Allen 09/12/2004 Bob Kronan 09/13/1999 Jose Alvarez 09/14/2015 09/16/2003 09/17/2006 09/18/1987 09/18/1992

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 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

There is only one Presence and one Power in the universe and in me – God the good, God the good, God the good omnipotent.

Intercessions

Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

"In faith we now pray:

Omnipresent God,

We give thanks for grace equal to every need.

We know that you hold us and all who are dear to us in tender love.

We trust that you are at work in our lives and in our world. In your names we affirm blessings for all who are committed to our prayers.

We ask you to be joyfully experienced in the ministry of this church."

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

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 Watkkins

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: "Today is the day to shed worry of every sort. If I am concerned about [myself or others], I turn to my [God] and release these concerns into [God's] hands...I feel God's presence beyond understanding taking charge in my life." Martha Dawson

We pray for the following ~ Jimmy C. (of blessed memory); Joe; Doreen; Kim; Ryan's dad; Claudia G.; Michelle; Keith M.; Janitza & Manuel; David V.; Steve V.; Rick W.; Kathy & Alan; Bev & Mike; David; Cynthia; John K.; Michell; Eileen; Diane; Jackie; Malissia & Fonz; Brad; Mary B. & friends & family; Marilyn; Roberta's friend; Maureen; Laurie; Laurie's friend; Natasha; Melissa; Gary; Leslie; Ken; Anon; Mary B. & family; Beverly B.; Vinny; Fred; Guillermo; N.; Rufus; Barbara; Rick (of blessed memory); Charlie; Rozen; Mark; Nana; Mark L.; Lindsley S.; Anne H.; Kathy K.; Elaite J.; Michael D.; Herb C.; Roy T.; Micki; Steve M.; Lewis Family; Bill K.; Kyle H.; Elijah; AGW; MLF; Nancy; Karyn C.; Lenni; Ken's family; Teresa; Shirley; Daniel; Dayana; Emily; Christopher; Katherine; Danoira; Mary Ann; Kristen; All those in Ida's path; Victor; Jaycee; Cody; Lexi; Raj; Scott and family; Paul (of blessed memory); Michelle; Scott; Paul (of blessed memory); RM; the ill & the food insecure; Rufus; friends in Louisiana; Betty Lvnn: Emma; Ren; Lewis family; Kelli; Savanna; Marcin's dad; Christian H; Rick M; Cody; Michelle; Lily D & Family; Daniel F; Craig C; Danie F; Gio A; Andrew C; Chris; Nancy R.'s son; those on Laurie's heart; Carl B. (of blessed memory); Joanie (of blessed memory); Kathy (of blessed memory); Margie's family; Connor; Matt; Emma; Katie; Sis; Gramma; Hildra; Heel; Dav and the Rice family; 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: Dear God, Trusting in grace equal to every need, we release our cares and concerns to you. Take our burdens. Transform them. Take our hurts and heal them. Replace our fears with hope, our sorrow with joy, our regrets with peace, and our self-doubts with self-esteem. And let us know that our loved ones are held even more tenderly in your heart than they are in ours. 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

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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

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).

MASKS FOR WORSHIP – we are asking people to wear masks for worship at Sunshine Cathedral.

Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry Celebrates 5th Anniversary This Month – September 7, 2016, Sunshine Cathedral lauched what has become known as our Food Sharing Ministry, now comprised of 5 different areas of programming. The Food Sharing Ministry has grown substantial over the past five years to become a major ministry of support to the community, to anyone who asks – no questions, no judgments.

Recently, our Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry was awarded an Infrastructure Grant by the South Florida Hunger Coalition. The purpose in applying for the grant was to help with installing a climate-controlled storage container on the property. We have reached capacity for storage space and this container will greatly help with our continued growth. We are very grateful for all the donations over the years.

We now need your assistance to help raise \$8,500.00 to complete this portion of the funding to make the storage container a reality. Will you please consider supporting this project and our efforts to help individuals who are food-insecure.

Make you donation today by visinting our website at SunshineCathedral.org, select Give then select Food Pantry image on the right.

For more information please contact Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Minister of Connections, at Anne@SunshineCatheral.org. Every donation helps to reach our goal of \$8,500.00. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING HARVEST CAMPAIGN - Sunshine Cathedral's annual Thanksgiving Harvest Campaign began 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.

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. 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

September 12: Holy Name of Mary - In Hebrew, the name Mary is "Miryam". In Aramaic the language probably spoken by Mary and Jesus, the form of the name was "Mariam". Based on the root "merur", the name signifies "bitterness". This is reflected in the words of Naomi, who, after losing a husband and two sons lamented, " "Do not call me Naomi ('Sweet'). Call me Mara ('Bitter'), for ... my life [is] very bitter." Jerome suggested the Mary could mean "Lady", based on the Aramaic "mar" meaning "Lord." The name of Mary is venerated because it belongs to the Mother of Jesus.

September 15: Martyrs of Birmingham (d. 1963)—Four young girls. A few weeks after Martin Luther King has given his famous speech, "I Have a Dream," and in the midst of an intense summer of civil disobedience and demonstrations, the situation in Birmingham, Alabama had come to a head. The nation watched as fire hoses and attack dogs had dramatized the evil of racism. On a peaceful Sunday morning someone threw dynamite through the basement window of the 16th Street Baptist Church, where four young girls, who had just finished their Sunday School class, were changing into choir robes. In their eulogy Dr. King called them "martyred heroines of a holy crusade for freedom and human dignity."

September 17: St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)— Abbess and visionary. Hildegard started as a simple Benedictine nun, but excelled as an author, prophet, preacher, theologian, musician, composer, poet, doctor, and pharmacist. Her intense visions and ecological and holistic spirituality speak strongly to our own time. **September 18: Dag Hammarskjöld** (1905-1961)— Secretary General of the UN. A skilled Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served for eight years as the head of the United Nations. He was a rare person in that public service was not a means to gain power, but a religious vocation, a way of living out his faith. He was deeply committed to the cause of world peace. His personal journal, Markings, published after his death, revealed his own inner struggles with finding meaning in life. What is still unknown to most people is that he was also a gay man.

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

Financial Data Snapshot from 5 September

Weekly Generosity Income Needed Generosity Income Received	\$10,797.56 \$7,565.96
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$3,231.60)
Per Capita Giving	\$31.63
Worship Services	135
Online Virtual Resourcing	113,884
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	523
Detailed information located a SunshineCathedral.org	at

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