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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Do Unto Others...

Sunday, September 26th 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

Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.

Be present, God, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some; to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love;

To practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; God, free us, make us one!

The Decalogue

Rev Renwick Bell

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.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of the Dalai Lama Rev Marian Cavagnaro

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."

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

The wisdom of Brene Brown

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

"We are biologically, cognitively, physically, and spiritually wired to love, to be loved, and to belong. When those needs are not met, we don't function as we were meant to. We break. We fall apart. We numb. We ache. We hurt others."

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

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from the Torah (Genesis 22.2-14) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

God said to Abraham, "Take your son to the land of Moriah and kill your son there as a sacrifice for me. This must be Isaac, your only son, the one you love. Use him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there. I will tell you which mountain."

In the morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took Isaac...He cut the wood for the sacrifice. Then they went to the place where God told them to go. After they traveled three days, Abraham...said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go to that place and worship. Then we will come back to you later."

Abraham took the wood for the sacrifice and put it on his son's shoulder. Abraham took the special knife and fire. Then both he and his son went together to the place for worship.

Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" Abraham answered, "Yes, son?"

Isaac said, "I see the wood and the fire. But where is the lamb we will burn as a sacrifice?"

Abraham answered, "God is providing the lamb for the sacrifice."

So both Abraham and his son went together to that place...Abraham built an altar and carefully laid the wood on the altar. Then he tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached for his knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord stopped him.

The angel said, "Don't kill your son or hurt him in any way. Now I can see that you do respect and obey God. I see that you are ready to kill your son, your only son, for me."

Then Abraham noticed a ram whose horns were caught in a bush. So Abraham went and took the ram. He offered it, instead of his son, as a sacrifice to God. So Abraham gave that place a name, "The Lord Provides." Even today people say, "On the mountain of the Lord, our needs will be supplied."

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

n Love One Another
By Michael W Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick
Performed By Sara Burns

Homily

Do Unto Others... 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

"I have held many things in my hand, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands - that I still possess." Martin Luther

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

Love Thy Neighbor
By Matthew Sklar
Performed By Edwin Neimann

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 IntentionsRev Marian Cavagnaro

| We Remember | | |
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| Gregg Parsons David Miller Tom Dolson Susan Piott Terry Hutchins Jerry Desmarais Adalberto Pineda Andrew Sokatch Ron Burkett | 09/26/1992 Bradley Eddy 09/26/1994 Sherman Rosser 09/26/1995 Robert Yarbrough 09/26/2004 Doug Helphinstine 09/27/1988 Martha Evans 09/28/2019 William Thomas 09/29/1989 Thomas F Duffy 10/01/1976 Pierre Bland 10/01/1987 | 10/01/2001 10/01/2019 10/02/1994 10/02/2003 10/02/2004 10/02/2009 10/02/2014 10/02/2017 |

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

Rev Renwick Bell

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 Mary,

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

One Presence and One Power

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 Rev Renwick Bell

"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 Marian Cavagnaro

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 Marian Cavagnaro

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

Noisy Offering

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

Centering Thought?: "If a hard experience arises, remember that God gives you the wisdom to solve every problem."Nona Brooks

We pray for the following ~ Rozen; Maureen; Ken's family; Teresa; Shirley; Daniel; Dayana; Emily; Christopher; Katherine; Danoira; Mary Ann; Kristen; All those in Ida's path; Victor; Jaycee; Lexi; Raj; Scott and family; Michelle; Scott; Paul (of blessed memory); RM; the ill & the food insecure; Rufus; friends in Louisiana; Betty Lynn; Emma; Ren; Lewis family; Kelli; Savanna; Elijah; AGW; MLF; Nancy; Karyn C.; Lenni; Marcin's dad; Christian H; Rick M; Michelle; Lily D & Family; Daniel F; Craig C; Gio A; Andrew C; Chris; Nancy R.'s son; those on Laurie's heart; Joanie (of blessed memory); Kathy (of blessed memory); Margie's family; Connor; Matt; Emma; Katie; Sis; Gramma; Hildra; Heel; Dav and the Rice family; Cody; Doug B.; Trish; Jane; Debbie; Tyler; Freddy; Linda; Jack S. (of blessed memory); Carl B. (of blessed memory); Walt L. (of blessed memory); Michael; Michelle; Andrew & Daniel; Sammy; Gloria; Baby James & family; Gloria B.; Rosie & family; BK; MPT; John K.; Jacques & Craig; John B.; WB & Jeff; Judy; Sarah; Mary & her family; Kelli; David B.; Ray S.; Jonny A.; Alexander; BRS; Christy N.; P&T; A.L.'s sister (& her partner of blessed memory); John's father (of blessed memory); Sandy & Alex; Brad; John's mom; John B.; Ben & son; John's partner & brother; Karen; 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

We hold these dear ones in the light of divine love. We wish them happiness and well-being. We allow healing love to wash over them...love flowing from our hearts, and from the heart of God. We trust Universal Goodness to minister to every need. With gratitude and faith, we release our prayers to the perfection of divine right action. 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 THANKSGIVING HARV

October 50th Anniversary Events

3 October

Anniversary Concert: New Directions Chamber Musical - Guest Artist: Joana Gonzalez, Piano 4PM - \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

9 October Anniversary Reception

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

16 October

Anniversary Community Concert

Representatives from the Sunshine Cathedral Choir, Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida, South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble, NOVA Singers and Opera Fusion 7PM - \$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.

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.org.

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).

FOLLOW US - 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.

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

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.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST is made possible by Happening Out Television Network and donors who support our televised ministry. HOUT TV is housed at Sunshine Cathedral Square.

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September 27: St. Vincent de Paul (1580-1660)—Apostle to the poor. Vincent began his life as a priest simply as a means of escaping his family's grinding poverty. At mid-life he experienced a great transformation as he understood the seriousness of his vocation and dedicated his life to serving the poor. He founded hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the mentally ill.

Aimee Semple McPherson (1890 – 1944) – a Canadian born evangelist and radio personality in the 1920s and 1930s who was also the founder of the Foursquare Church, a Pentecostal denomination. She was a pioneer in the use of entertainment media to create a form of religious instruction and worship that appealed to a broad audience.

September 28: St. Wenceslaus (907-935) - Wenceslaus I was duke of Bohemia (and subject of a famous Christmas carol). The carol is based on a legend about Wenceslaus and his page Podiven. According to the story, on a miserably cold night they went out to give alms to the poor on the Feast of St. Stephen, Dec. 26. Podiven was walking barefooted and his feet were freezing, so Wenceslas told him to step in his foot prints. His footprints in the snow stayed miraculously warm, giving comfort to Podivan. According queer religious historian Kittridge Cherry, "The earliest accounts of Wenceslaus' life mention his page -- but not the woman who supposedly gave birth to his son in more recent versions. An account written in the late 10th or early 11th century describes the young man who was a... "chamber valet" to Wenceslaus. The duke was assassinated in a coup by his brother.

September 29: St. Michael and All Angels—While angels (from the Greek word angelos, or messengers) are mentioned often in the bible, only a few are named. The Archangel Michael is described as the captain of the heavenly host who helps humanity in fighting the powers of destruction and injustice. Michael has been recognized as a protector, intercessor, healer, and guardian.

September 30: Rumi (1207 – 1273) – Sufi poet from Afghanistan inspired by the love of a mentor and friend (their relationship may have been romantic as well). When his "friend", Shams, left for Damascus without telling him, Rumi was heartbroken and poured his feelings into his poetry. They were later reunited, but eventually, Shams disappeared again. This time it was believed he may have been murdered. Rumi continued to pour himself into his writing, using homoerotic imagery and romantic phrasing as he pondered things divine. He also practiced meditative dancing which inspired the Whirling Dervish movement. After grieving the loss of Shams, Rumi would love other men.

October 1: Goddard Neville (1905 – 1972) – Neville was born in Barbados and moved to the US in 1922. He was a writer and public speaker. He wrote, "An awakened imagination works with a purpose. It creates and conserves the desirable, and transforms or destroys the undesirable." He was mentored by a mystic known as "Abdullah" and provided psychological insights into religious themes and texts.

October 2: Guardian Angels - Feast first kept by the Franciscan order in 1500. It was a local feast until it was added to the Church calendar in 1607. More than three and a half centuries later, Pope John 23rd wrote, "We must remember how admirable was the intention of divine Providence in entrusting to the angels the mission of watching over all [hu]mankind, and over individual human beings, lest they should fall victims to the grave dangers which they encounter." In the 18th century, Pope Pius 6th wrote this prayer: "O Angel of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supernal clemency, enlighten, protect, defend, and govern me. Amen."

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot from 19 September

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$10,797.56 Generosity Income Received \$8,753.13 Our Abundance and/or (Need) (\$2,044.43) Per Capita Giving \$22.18

Worship Services 154
Online Virtual Resourcing 88,799
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 548
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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

Monthly Collection Programs

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3rd Sunday - Clothing Collection (For BG Hospital & Housing Insecure Individuals)

Due to limited storage space, please bring items on designated Sundays only.

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