# Welcome Home To Your . . .



Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Who Do We Think We Are?

Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister Rev Dr Robert Griffin, Executive Minister

Announcements

Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Minister of Connections

#### Please rise as you are able.

Introit

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.

#### **Sunshine Cathedral 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** The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led,

Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry

For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be

A partner in Christ's paradise, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

#### Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

*One:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy names.

#### Sung Response

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of Lola Pauline Mays Rev Dr Anne Atwell

"My hands are God's hands. This is true because through these hands flow the only life, the life of God. My hands are the manifestation of the one creative principle which is perfect and is within every hand. I thank you [God] for the wonder and beauty in these, your hands."

#### The Wisdom of Hannah More Kohaus Rev Dr Anne Atwell

I am stronger than my fears, I am wiser than my years, I am gladder than my tears; for I am God's image.

I am better than my deeds, I am holier than my creeds, I am wealthier than my needs; for I am God's image.

God, whose image thus I bear and whose likeness I shall share, all God's glory will declare through the "I": God's image.

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

#### Please rise as you are able.

#### A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (4.21 - 30) Rev Marian Cavagnaro

Jesus said [after quoting Isaiah] to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum."

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land.

It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon.

Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

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

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

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

#### Song of Response

My Life is in Thee

My life is in thee, thou omnipresent One. My life is in thee, thou omnipresent One. Fountain of life thou art, springing within each heart; no life from thee apart, thou Goodness divine!

#### Please be seated.

The AnthemThankfulBy Carole Bayer Sager, David Foster, and Richard Page<br/>Performed By Aaron Ball

Homily	Who Do We Think we Are? Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
Invitation to Prayer	Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

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 am 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

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be, with God our creator, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

#### Service of Sacraments

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

#### Stewardship Thought

"Pure love is a willingness to give without a thought of receiving anything in return." Peace Pilgrim

#### **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**

**Bare Necessities** 

By Terry Gilkyson Performed By Teresa Flores and Felipe Diaz

#### Rise as you are able.

#### Doxology

Old Hundreth

Praise God the Good we all may share; praise God the Beauty everywhere.

Praise God the Hope of Good to be; praise God the Truth that makes us free. Amen.



#### Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions Rev Marian Cavagnaro - 9AM Rev Margarita Rodriguez - 10:30AM

#### We Remember

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#### Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory and Honor of all Sunshine Cathedral Members and Friends Affected or Infected by COVID-19

> by The Sunshine Cathedral Staff

Be still and know that I Am God. Be still and know that I Am God. Be still and know that I Am God.

#### Intercessions

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

One: For the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local congregation, for all who are on our prayer list, for our loved ones, for world and community leaders, and for our own needs, let us pray:

Prayer of Divine Mercy

Loving Creator, we remember the wisdom and love, Peace and integrity of your blessed anointed one – our Lord Jesus Christ Who taught of your love for us and also the whole world

For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon us and on the whole world.

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Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One Give blessings to us and to the whole world. Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One Give

blessings to us and to the whole world.

One: 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

Words of Remembrance

Invitation to Communion

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

One: On the night of his arrest Jesus shared a meal with his friends and family of choice. After supper, he took a piece of bread, broke it, and offered it to those at table. Sharing together made them one body. Jesus said, "When you do this, (+) remember me."

One: He then took a cup of wine and shared it with the others. Sharing reminded them that they were bound together in a covenant of love. Jesus again said, "When you do this, (+) remember me."

#### Chorus

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

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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

#### **Communion is Shared**



#### **Communion Song**

In the light of Omnipresence do I dwell, 'tis above, around, within me, all is well;

Life divine forever guiding al my ways, Life divine forever filling all my days.

In the love of Omnipresence do I rest, feel it filling, thrilling through me, blessed Guest!

Love divine all discord soothing into peace, Love divine in whose sweet presence pain doth cease.

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

#### **Noisy Offering**

Supports the Sunshine Cathedral Live Broadcast Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry

#### 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**

Love Train

#### Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

### Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot from 23 January

Weekly Generosity Income Needed Generosity Income Received	
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$10,614.40
Per Capita Giving	27.68
Worship Services	290
Online Virtual Resourcing	137,992

Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 556 Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org

Donating to Sunshine Cathedral

Venmo or CashApp Venmo - @SunshineCathedral CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral Text to Give - 954.399.7333





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### SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

#### **Centering Thought**

"[We] are radiant with [God's] being." Malinda Cramer

#### LET US PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR HEARTS:

Jackie DLS (of blessed memory); Anita; Sarah; Dale; MLF; Tara & Sam; Sadie & Sloan; Mari Ann; Julie C.; TS; Laurie; Maureen; Barbara; Stephen; Kathy; Craig; Nancy; Lynne; Carolyn; Rev. Kathy; Mary; Danny; Jim & Susan; Greta P.; Ken (of blessed memory); James; Pete & family; Corrine's mom; DW; Esther & William; Shelly; Ben; Clifford (of blessed memory) and his grandmother; Carolyn; Richie & Raul; Tashell D.; baby to be born; Bob; Bill; Mama; TL; Tullo; Charlotte; S.D. and K.W.; Joyce B.; JM; Orion; Elijah M.; Colin F. (of blessed memory); Marc; Jennings & Joey; Michelle; Victor; Ashley; Carolyn; Karim; Gary; Sally; M. Krause; GH; Marco; Ken B.; Sidney (of blessed memory); Jade & Mirja and family; Dani; Andrew; Don P.; Daniel; Tyler; Diane; Pedro R.; Juanita C.; Jack U.; Kevin; Bill N.; Adrienne & family; Leigh; George; Mary; Erin; Lexy; Teresa C.; Matthew; David; Marie; Connie; MH; Maureen T.; Andrew & his family (including his brother of blessed memory); Pat H.; "Grandma"; Jeanne; Des; Julie; DonnaChristine; Shawna (of blessed memory); Olivia; Dana; Jackie; Kelli; family & friends; Dani & Andrew; Dean (of blessed memory); Cavagnaro and Lewis families; Teresa C.; Andartu; Jose L.; Steve D.; John M.; Roberta; Thomas M; Peter P. & loved ones; Jean; Carolyn; Edgar; Skip; Teachers at Porter Elementary; Mary E.; Maralee; Joey; Ashlie & James; Dennis and Laron; Silvy; Donna F.; Elo; Michale & Pam; Joangel; Maureen's family; Tim; Eileen; Antonio; Dianne; Troy & Phillip; Don; those whose needs are known only to God; healers and caregivers in pandemic; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship

#### ~Prayer~

Loving Presence: you hold us all, and in your embrace we are strengthened and comforted, we find peace, and our hope is continually renewed. Thank you, Source of life and goodness. 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 Cathedral News

**MASKS IN WORSHIP** - are highly recommended at this time. Masks reduce the spreading of germs and it's an easy way to show concern for the more vulnerable among us. We ask that the unvaccinated always wear a mask.

**CPK DAY** - is Feb. 2. Any meal, dine in or take out, can help your Sunshine Cathedral. Tell them you are there for Sunshine Cathedral and CPK will donate a portion of your bill back to Sunshine Cathedral. Good food for a good cause. CPK on Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL? – Then join us for an orientation class that qualifies you to join Sunshine Cathedral. The class will be offered via Zoom on February 19. For details or to secure your place, email Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@ sunshinecathedral.org).

**USHER MINISTRY NEEDS MORE PEOPLE** - Do you enjoy meeting, greeting and assisting others? If so, then our wonderful usher ministry may be your calling. We need additional people to assist at 9 and 10:30 services. We will provide training and work with your availability. For additional info or to sign up, please see Peggy Brereton or Michael Karban at church or contact Michael via email at mkarban1@ aol.com

**WELLNESS** - At Sunshine Cathedral Square, you can receive Covid testing 7 days per week, STI testing once a week (Tuesdays 5 pm - 8 pm courtesy of Broward House), food assistance on Wednesdays (until about 1 pm), and grief support twice a month (contact Rev. Dr. Anne Atwell about the grief support group). Condoms are available in our restrooms, masks and vaccinations are encouraged and hand sanitizer can be found at the doorways of the Worship Center. Let's take care of ourselves and one another.

#### SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL GOES TO ITALY!

Hosted By Rev Dr. Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr. Robert Griffin. Think of this as a land CRUISE! April 19 - May 3, 2022 (Post Easter). 15 Days from just \$1799 (plus taxes and fees). For more information, visit https://happeningout.travel/sunshine/

**SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 26** - Cathedral Security Training: Staff, Deacons, Ushers, Members of Cathedral and Foundation Boards...please join us from 10 am to Noon on February 26 for this workshop. We have good relationships with police, fire, and medical services. We also have security systems and protocols. To make us even more secure, every year or two we ask our leadership to undergo this special training. Thank you for helping us stay safe in uncertain times.

**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

**FOLLOW US** - We invite you to Follow Sunshine Cathedral on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel. We are also on Tik Tok and Instagram. If our ministry has been a blessing to you, please tell others about the Sunshine Cathedral.

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**TODAY'S CONTEMPORARY READINGS** – come from Lola Pauline Mays and Hannah More Kohaus. Mays was a Religious Science minister who pioneered an independent church and ministry school in Mesa, AZ. Her son, Rev. Blaine Mays, would lead the International New Thought Alliance for many years. Kohaus was a New Thought poet and hymn writer.

#### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 30: Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869 – 1948) – Proponent of non-violent resistance to systems of oppression. His philosophy and activism sparked the movement for Indian independence from Great Britain. He was a Hindu but also an admirer of Jesus Christ (though he rejected the dogmatic claims of Christianity) and his example inspired U.S. Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

**February 2: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas)**—Today remembers the story of Jesus' parents taking him into the Temple, where he was blessed by Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:22-40). This reminds us of the Jewish law (Exodus 13:2; 22:29) that every firstborn son was to be dedicated in memory of the deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt. In some traditions candles are brought to the church on this day to be blessed.

Madonna of Montevergine - In the 13th century two young men in southern Italy were in love. They tried to keep their relationship secret, but one cold and gloomy winter day I n1256, they were spotted holding hands and kissing on the way to Mass. A crowd (which became an angry mob) attacked them, stripped them naked, and tied them to a tree near the Shrine of the Madonna of Montevergine. Naked, cold, surrounded by snow and ice, they were left to freeze to death. According to legend, the Madonna of Montevergine was moved by the men's love for each other. She sent unexpected sunshine to warm the lovers. Soon, they were able to free themselves. Some accounts say that the couple celebrated by making love on the spot! Because of this miracle, the community allowed the men to live openly as a couple. The community was transformed into a place of tolerance toward sexual minorities. Every year on Candlemas, pilgrims to the Shrine of the Madonna include gender-bending devotees of Mary, known as "femminielli."

**February 3: St. Aelred of Rievaulx (1110-1167)**—Cistercian abbot. Aelred wrote freely of his feelings for his friends and fellow monks. While it is not known if he had any romantic relationships, it is clear that he was strongly attracted to men. He had a very positive attitude toward creation and humanity, and was comfortable embracing his own feminine side. He developed a theology of friendship, and is today the patron saint of Integrity, a lesbian and gay organization for Episcopalians. (He died on January 12, however this date is used by his order.)

**February 4: Cornelius the Centurion**—The story of Cornelius is told in Acts 10-11. He was an important military leader and a deeply religious person who was interested in Judaism. His story is significant in the growth of the early church because he and his family were among the first Gentile converts, thereby opening the door for the message of Jesus to spread

throughout the Roman Empire. His story is significant for gay and lesbian people because of Peter's vision, which led him to go to Caesarea and visit this Gentile home. This vision led Peter to understand that, despite the laws of Leviticus, there was a higher law of love: "God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean."

February 5: St. Agatha (231 - 251) - a Sicilian saint who was considered to be very beautiful as a young woman. She dedicated herself to a life of prayer, a "consecrated virgin." One nobleman decided that he would persuade her to marry him. She rebuffed all his advances, and he eventually turned her in for being a Follower of the Christ Way. She was brought before a judge who just happened to be the very nobleman who turned her in for practicing her underground faith. He offered to drop the charges if she would marry him. She refused. He sentenced her to a brothel. After being terrified in the brothel, the nobleman offered to release her if she married him. She again refused and he sentenced her to prison and to torture. She was whipped, burned, and her breasts were removed. Despite such agonizing treatment, she never agreed to marry her tormentor. One night she had a vision of St. Peter whose intercessions, she believed, helped her wounds to heal. Eventually, however, she did die. Her intercessions are now thought to benefit women with breast cancer, nursing mothers, people who have been injured by fire, and women who have been assaulted. In art, she is often shown holding breasts on a plate.

> Outlandish at Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts presents

#### VARLA JEAN MERMAN'S LITTLE PRICK

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Saturday, February 26, 2022 7:00 PM Tickets at SunshineCathedral.org



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SAGE - Friendly Visitor Program (Under Development)

Samaritan Institute

Social Services - SUNSERVE

Sunshine Cathedral Foundation

Wellness Ministry

Worship Ministry

#### Monthly Collection Programs

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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