# Welcome Home To Your . . .



Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

What About Me?

Sunday, February 13<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

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (2x)

#### **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**

Just A Closer Walk with Thee

I seem weak but you are strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long, as I'll be, let me be close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, if you please? Daily staying close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, if you please? Daily staying close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my earthly time is o'er, still I'll be loved ever more; You will guide me safely o'er to your friendly shore, to your shore.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, if you please? Daily staying close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

## **Opening Litany**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: This is God's house. May we who come here not only find out about God. but find God.

All: May there be beauty in this place, but especially may it be a place where we become aware of the beauty in ourselves.

One: May this be a place of worship, of instruction, of singing, of prayer.

All: And for us who worship and take instruction and sing and pray, may this also be a place of inner stillness, where we may listen and hear when God speaks.

One: May this be such a house that Jesus Christ, or any stranger, would feel in it that they were with friends.

All: May everyone come into this house in expectation and go with thanksgiving. May each person receive the blessing they need most.

## **Sung Response**

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated.

## **Service of Proclamation**

## Wisdom of Malinda Cramer Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

"It was early one morning in the year 1885, during an hour of earnest meditation and prayerful seeking, that I asked...with faith...with a willingness to abide the decision whatever it might be: '...is there any power in the vast universe that can heal me?' An immediate and all convincing reply came...it was not as one person speaking to another; it was, instead an intuitive response from the depths of Being...The answer to my earnest inquiry, as to whether there was any power that could heal me, was an all absorbing realization of a presence and power not before realized. This presence was more than personal, it was omnipresence...It was so vivifying and illuminating I knew that I was one with it. I realized it to be my life; the very being, knowledge, health and power that I am. It was a 'consuming fire,' in that all things became It and were this One Presence manifested. Simultaneously with finding myself in God, I experienced the indrawing of all things, i.e., that all are in the embrace of one eternal Good...That hour was the beginning of my realization of the oneness of Life..."

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

Please rise as you are able.

## A Reading from the Fourth Gospel (5.1-17) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish feasts. Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool that in Hebrew is called Bethesda. It has five porticos, and in these a large number of people would rest, many were blind, lame, and paralyzed, waiting for the movement of the water.

For occasionally an angel of the Lord would come down into the pool and stir up the water. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured.

A man who was there had been very ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and was aware that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to get well?" The man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am still on my way, someone else steps into the pool ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Rise! Take up your mat and walk!" Immediately, the man was cured, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath. Therefore, the religious authorities said to the man who had been cured, "Today is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He replied, "The man who cured me said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk!" They asked him, "Who is the man who told you to take it up and walk?" But the man who had been cured did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd that was there.

Later, Jesus found him in the temple...The man went away and told the religious authorities that Jesus was the one who had made him well. Therefore, the religious authorities began to harass Jesus because he was doing such things on the Sabbath. However, Jesus responded to them, saving,

"God is still working, and I am at work as well."

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

## Song of Response

People Need the Lord

People need the Lord, people need the Lord; at the end of broken dreams, there's an open door.

People need the Lord, people need the Lord; when will we realize that people need the Lord?

Please be seated.

The Anthem

On My Way

By Ivy Adara, Leroy Clampitt, and Michael Pollack Performed By Sara Burns

Homily

What About Me? Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

**Invitation to Prayer** 

Please rise as you are able.

## **Prayer Chorus**

Rise & Be Healed

Has fear and doubt come against your mind? Has your faith been sorely tried?

Lift up your heart - here cometh your help! It is the Lord who is on your side.

Rise and be healed in the name of Jesus – let faith arise in vour soul!

Rise and be healed in the name of Jesus – God has made you completely whole.

If by faith you reach out to God, grace will meet your every need:

God will respond to the cry of your heart, God will touch you and set you free.

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## **Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations**

## Sign of Peace

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Glory, glory halleluiah, since I laid my burdens down. Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down. I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.

Feel like shouting 'Hallelujah!' since I laid my burdens down. Feel like shouting 'hallelujah!' since I laid my burdens down.

## Service of Sacraments

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

## **Stewardship Thought**

"The cultivation of generosity is the beginning of spiritual awakening." Sharon Salzberg

## 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 If I Can Help Somebody By Alma Bazel Androzzo - Performed By Ladd Boris

Rise as you are able.

## Doxology

How Can I Say Thanks

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things you have done.

With your love, you have made me; with your power you have raised me; to God be the glory for the things you have done.

# Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions
Deacon Michael Karban

## We Remember

Chet Davidson Victor Dulkie Glenn Brinkley Mark Beshears Clare Marie 
 02/14/1994
 Robert Rebernisek
 02/16/2015

 02/14/1999
 Danny Williford
 02/17/1994

 02/14/2007
 Bart Hale
 02/18/1995

 02/15/2004
 Craig Veser
 02/19/1995

 02/15/2009
 Evvie Cippoletti
 02/19/2016

#### Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory Of

Jerry Mitchell - January 30, 2005 and Mel Mitchelli - February 12, 2016 by Carlos Hernandez

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

Deacon Michael Karban

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.

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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 Praver**

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**

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!

#### **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**

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.

## 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 6 February

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$11,819.81 Generosity Income Received \$10,285.86 Our Abundance and/or (Need) (\$1,533.95) Per Capita Giving \$30.71

Worship Services 275
Online Virtual Resourcing 157,243
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 664
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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## **Centering Thought**

"I cannot be anything that God is not." Fannie B. James

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

Centering Thought

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

Des; Julie; Anita; Sarah; Dale; MLF; Tara & Sam; Sadie & Sloan; Mama Tullo; Juliet; 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; George N.; Erica; Rhina; Milli; Amanda; Samuel P.; James R.; Donnie P.; Atef; Mary; Tyler k.; Fay H.; Maureen's daughter; Jose; Leslie & 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~

Knowing that there is a Power that is omnipresent, that is All Good, and that seeks to joyfully express in and through our lives, we confidently affirm blessings for all who have been committed to the care of our prayers. May each and all be happy and well. Amen.

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**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

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).

**PERFORMANCE AT SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL** – Concert pianist Joanna Gonzalez performs Feb. 26 at 7 pm. Tix can be purchased at SunshineCathedral.org

**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.

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

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 26 - Active Shooter 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.

**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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Stormé DeLarverie (1920-2014) a biracial, butch lesbian, DeLarverie was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was a performer. As a teenager, she joined the Ringling Brothers Circus where she rode jumping horses. Then from 1955 to 1969, DeLarverie toured the Black theater circuit as the MC — and only drag king — of the Jewel Box Revue, the first racially integrated drag revue in North America. She worked as a bouncer for several lesbian bars in New York City in the '80s and '90s, and held a number of leadership positions in the Stonewall Veterans Association. DeLarverie also served the community as a volunteer street patrol worker, and as a result, was called the "guardian of lesbians in the Village." Beyond her LGBTQ activism, DeLarverie also organized and performed at fundraisers for women who suffered from domestic violence and their children.

#### 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).
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TODAY'S CONTEMPORARY READING – is by Malinda Cramer, who in 1888 had a mystical experience whereby she knew God to be omnipresent, everywhere fully present. This realization led to a dramatic improvement in her health. This experience is considered the birth of the Divine Science movement, a New Thought Christian philosophy focusing on the omnipresence and infinite goodness of God.

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 13: Ss. Polyeuct & Nearchus (3rd century) - Nearchus was Christian, but Polyeuct was not. Polyeuct converted from paganism to Christianity for Nearchus. In 259 Polyeuct was martyred by decapitation. Shortly before he was executed, he spoke his last words to Nearchus: "Remember our secret vow." Thus Polyeuct is known as a protector of vows and avenger of broken promises.

Absolom Jones (1746 – 1818) - a former slave that would become the first African American Episcopal Priest in the newly formed United States of America. Jones preached that God was a loving Parent who always took the side of "the oppressed and distressed."

February 14: St. Valentine (d. 269)—Martyr. Though St. Valentine has long since removed from the lists of 'official' saints, Valentine's Day has been taken over by the greeting card industry and become fixed in the popular calendar of most people. It seems to have its origins in England, where it was noted that birds began to pair and mate around the feast of St. Valentine. The original Valentine was likely a Christian priest in Rome who was beheaded for refusing to renounce his faith. He gave his heart to God, his divine lover.

James A. Pike (1913 - 1969) - early proponent of ordination of women, racial desegregation, and the acceptance of LGBT people in the Church. He was the Bishop of California in The Episcopal Church. He held two law degrees from Yale and a seminary degree from Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Pike invited Martin Luther King Jr. to speak at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in 1965 following his march to Selma. After his son's untimely death, Pike became interested in the paranormal (he even tried to reach his late son through psychics). He died in the Israeli desert while researching a book he wanted to write (coincidentally, about Jesus wandering in the desert). His rented car got stuck and he and his wife Diane tried to walk to safety, but were farther away from any community than they realized. While wandering lost in the desert. Pike fell down a steep canyon where he died. Diane found help and survived.

February 16: Janani Luwum (1924-1977)—Anglican Archbishop of Uganda and martyr. Luwum was Archbishop of Uganda during the dictatorship of General Idi Amin. He was not the type to be drawn toward social justice issues or protests; he tried at first to maintain a neutral stance of cooperation. Luwum realized the church could no longer stand silently by as Amin's paranoid reign of terror led to the murder of tens of thousands. He was confronted with trumped up charges, and when ordered to sign a confession he responded by praying. This sent Amin into a rage, and he drew a pistol and executed Luwum himself.

February 17: Giardano Bruno (1548 – 1600) - taught that God is everywhere imminent throughout the universe. Bruno was an Italian poet and philosopher who wrote, "God is the Principle of unity in all activity and is the Principle of Oneness…" Referring to divine Mind, he held that Mind and matter are one.

February 18: Martin Luther (1483-1546)—Reformer of the Church. Originally trained as a lawyer, Luther was ordained a priest and taught theology at the University of Wittenberg. Luther was also a musician, and his most famous hymn was "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts
Presents In Concert

## Joana Gonzalez

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



Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts
Presents

# Laith Ashley Activist, Singer-Songwriter and Entertainer

Saturday, March 26, 2022 8:00 PM Tickets at SunshineCathedral.org



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Global Justice Institute Partnership
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Samaritan Institute
Social Services - SUNSERVE
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Wellness Ministry
Worship Ministry

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