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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

What Can't We See?

Sunday, February 27th 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

We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we want with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word; Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Opening Litany

Rev Kurt Krieger

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

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark (9.1-8) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And in their presence he was transfigured; his clothes became dazzling white—whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. And Elijah with Moses appeared, conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were so frightened. Then a cloud cast a shadow over them, and a voice came out of the cloud: "This is my beloved Child. Listen to him." Suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

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 (9.1, 5-17) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. [He said,] "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he...made a paste with saliva and dirt, and smeared the paste on the eyes of the blind man. Then he said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." (The name means "Sent.") The man went forth and washed, and he returned seeing.

The man's neighbors and those who had seen him begging asked, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ...He said, "I am the man."

Therefore, they asked him, "Then how can you see?" He replied, "The man called Jesus [treated me, and] then I was able to see." They asked him, "Where is he?" He replied, "I do not know."

They then brought the man who had formerly been blind to the Pharisees. Now it was on a Sabbath day that Jesus had healed the man.

The Pharisees also asked the man how he had gained his sight. He said to them, "Jesus helped me see."

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man cannot be from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" Thus, they were divided in their opinions. And so they spoke again to the blind man, asking, "What do you have to say about him? You were the one healed." He replied, "He is a prophet."

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

Song of Response

Your Grace and Mercy

Your grace and mercy brought me through, I'm living this moment because of you:

I want to thank you, and praise you too: your grace and mercy brought me through.

Your grace and mercy brought me through, I'm living this moment because of you;

I want to thank you, and praise you too: your grace and mercv.

Your grace and mercy, your grace and mercy brought me through.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Let The Healing Begin
By Matthew West and Jason Houser
Performed by Tara Sperry

Homily

What Can't We See?
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

I've Got a Feelin'

I've got a feelin' everything's gonna be alright. I've got a feelin' everything's gonna be alright.

I've got a feelin' everything's gonna be alright, be alright, be alright.

The holy Ghost done told me everything's gonna be alright. The holy Ghost done told me everything's gonna be alright.

The holy Ghost done told me everything's gonna be alright, be alright, be alright.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Glory, glory hallelujah, 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

Rite of Membership

Receiving New Global Members

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings) Rev Kevin Tisdol

Stewardship Thought

"I like to think of [tithing] as giving back to Life." Louise Hay

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

Flower Duet
By Leo Delibus
Performed by David Suarez

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

Rev Kurt Krieger

We Remember

 Dee Degner
 02/28/1994
 Jerry Widholm
 03/03/1991

 Don Bennett
 02/28/2005
 John Messina
 03/03/2006

 Tom Rosenblatt
 03/01/2004
 Grace Corey
 03/03/2007

 Mark Hooker
 03/02/2004
 Bill Zanone
 03/05/1990

 George Lamas
 03/03/1991

Rainbow Candle I is Lit Today

In Memory Of

Esperanza Bello Quiñonez Vda Sanchez February 13, 2022 by Elvira Patricia Sanchez-Atala & Family

Rainbow Candle II is Lit Today

In Memory Of Angel May Prendergast by

Linda Edin & Deacon Lydya Chapam

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 Kurt Krieger

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

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.

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Noisy Offering Supports our Live Broadcast Ministry & 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 20 February

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$11,819.81 Generosity Income Received \$23,382.73 Our Abundance and/or (Need) \$11,562.92 Per Capita Giving \$25.72

Worship Services 300
Online Virtual Resourcing 110,224
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 568
Detailed information located at
SunshineCathedral.org

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Centering Thought

"When we turn to God, we have all the wisdom of the Infinite working with us to guide, sustain, and carry us through." --Grace L. Faus

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; Sadie & Sloan; Mama Tullo; Juliet; DonnaChristine; Shawna (of blessed memory); George N.; Erica; Rhina; Milli; Amanda; Samuel P.; James R.; Donnie P.; Atef; Mary; Tyler K.; Benny & Connie; Marc; Mari Ann; Fay H.; Maureen's daughter; Jose; David; Kevin P.; Steve M. & family; K & K; Lee; Sandra S.; Benji; Samuel; Steve H.; Leslie & Dianne; Teresa; LE; Benny, Connie, & Lee; Bryan H.; Mark; Richard C.; Rose; Charlotte O.; S.D. and K.W.; Emma, Conor, Katie, and Matt; David; Bobby & Teddy; Jesenia; Crystal; Tadzio; Lazlo & family; Steve H.; Kristy & Kaye; Jeni P..; Olivia L.; Dani & Andrew; Walter Z. (of blessed memory); Pat & Sherry; Carol P.; Greg; Tommy; Mary F. & family; Suzanne; 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~

Spirit of Life,

We hold each of these in the light of your love. We wish each of these happiness and well-being. We know that you flow through and express as each one. We trust that each is held forever in your embrace. May all live their best possible lives, and contribute to a peaceful world that blesses and sustains us all. 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

ASH WEDNESDAY - service at 7 pm at Sunshine Cathedral (March 2). This begins the Season of Lent.

WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING ASH WEDNESDAY IN LENT - (Mar 9 - Apr 13) online Lenten series presented by Rev. Barbara Essex (Wednesday at 6 pm on our Facebook page).

BOLD Justice - If you are passionate about social justice and want to find out more about the Sunshine Cathedral's partnership with BOLD Justice, please join us on today after the 10:30 a.m. service. We have some important dates coming up in the next couple of months. We are working on three major issues in our Broward Community.

- · Criminal Justice reform; Civil citations vs. Arrest in minor offenses. Our work has seen 23,225 fewer children in Florida arrested saving the state more than \$104 million.
- · Care for Creation Climate impacts on communities in Broward County and ways to alleviate these effects of the heat index, rising costs of utility bills, and the rising sea level which is specially of interest to us here in Broward.
- Permanent Supportive Housing is a housing model that provides rental assistance and supportive services to people with mental health issues who have experienced long-term or repeated homelessness. Services include mental health treatment, physical health care, education, financial literacy education, employment opportunities and peer coaching.

Upcoming events are the Rally on March 8 at the Sanctuary Church in Fort Lauderdale, where we prepare for the Nehemiah action on April 4 at the Charles F. Dodge City Center in Pembroke Pines. Please see Mary Fedoration (maryfed@comcast.net) or Rev Renwick Bell (revrenwickbell@gmail.com) for more information.

COMING IN MARCH - Laith Ashley is a singer/ songwriter, model, actor and activist. In 2017 he was the first transgender man to be featured in a Diesel campaign, and in February 2020, became one of the faces of the Abercrombie FIERCE campaign. Laith has been on the cover of countless magazines and has had featured stories published on countless others all around the world; the most recent being British GQ.

Laith was on the cast of reality TV series "Strut" and raised the heart rates of viewers in his appearance on season one: episode 6 of hit series, "Pose", on FX. He now uses his platform to help inform others about the trans experience, and the experience of other marginalized groups, as well as advocating for social justice, in hopes for a more open, loving and accepting world.

SAVE THE DATE: Sat, March 26, 2022 8:00 PM BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Bayard Rustin (1912 – 1987) – Rustin was an LGBTQ and civil rights activist best known for being a key adviser to Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. He organized the 1963 March on Washington and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 2013 for his activism. In 2020, California Gov. Gavin Newsom pardoned Rustin for his arrest in 1953 (he was arrested for homosexual activity in a parked car in Pasadena). Rustin served 50 days in Los Angeles County jail. In pardoning Rustin, Newsom noted how LGBTQ people were unjustly punished for their sexuality by U.S. law enforcement at the time of Rustin's arrest.

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.

MASKS IN WORSHIP – for the time being, we may mask to personal comfort level. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated, and anyone with symptoms to get tested.

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.

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

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

LOAVES AND FISHES AND LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

- Next Sunday, March 6, is Loaves and Fishes Sunday when we ask the Sunshine Cathedral community to bring non-perishable food donations for the Food Sharing

Ministry. It is also the first Sunday of the Lenten Food Drive (we will receive donations each week in Lent to help replenish our food pantry). Please see any Loaves and Fishes team member for a list of suggested items.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST is made possible by Happening Out Television Network and donors who support our televised ministry. Happening Out is housed at Sunshine Cathedral Square. Happening Out programming can be viewed on YouTube, Facebook, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Google TV, and Roku.

TODAY'S CONTEMPORARY READING – we do not have a contemporary reading today. The readings come from the gospels of Mark and John.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, March 18, 2022 7PM - Gin Pairing & More - \$25.00 Sponorsed by SC Board of Directors

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 27: Marcella Althaus-Reid (1952-2009) was born in Argentina. She studied liberation theology and earned a Bachelor of Theology degree at the Instituto Superior Evangelico de Estudios Teologicos (ISEDET) seminary in Buenos Aires. Althaus-Reid was Methodist and worked with methods pioneered by philosopher and advocate of critical pedagogy, Paolo Freire. She continued studies in Liberation, Feminist, and Queer Theologies and completed a Ph.D. at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. She became Professor of Contextual Theology at New College, University of Edinburgh, She was the first woman professor of theology in the history of New College. Marcella was known as an "indecent, Latina, bisexual theologian" because of her books Indecent Theology (2000) and The Queer God (2004). Her work challenged sexual oppression in Christianity. At the time of her death she was the Director of the International Association for Queer Theology.

March 2: John and Charles Wesley (1703-1791, 1707-1788)—Anglican priests and founders of Methodism. When thrown out of local churches for being too "enthusiastic" they turned to preaching on the streets. John created a synthesis of sacramental faith, a personal religion of the heart, and an active concern for social justice. Charles is remembered for writing over 6,000 hymn texts, including "Christ the Lord is risen today," "O for a thousand tongues to sing," and "Hark the herald angels sing."

March 5: Karl Rahner (1904-1984)—Theologian. Probably the most influential Catholic theologian of the 20th century, Rahner was a Jesuit who worked to build bridges between Christian faith and the modern world. He believed that all human existence was rooted in the holy and infinite mystery of God. He tried to reduce the divisions between faith and science, the church and the world, and emphasized grace as a relationship. He played a critical role in the Second Vatican Council.

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



Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts
Presents

Coco Peru in Bitter Bothered & Beyond Saturday, April 9, 2022 8:00 PM Tickets at SunshineCathedral.org



Sunshine Cathedral Programming

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