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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme: Rock Solid Spirituality

Sunday, February 5th 2023

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Durrell Watkins Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Please rise as you are able.

Introit Rock in a Weary Land

Freedom is rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; O freedom is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

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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

Crucifer - Tito McWilliams Ramos

Processional Hymn

Hiding in Thee

O safe in the Rock that is higher than I, my soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly.
So worried, so weary, thine, thine would I be. Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee.
Hiding in thee, hiding in thee, thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour; in times when temptation casts o'er me its pow'r; in the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea, thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

Hiding in thee, hiding in thee, thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe, I have fled to my Refuge and breathed out my woe. How often, when trials like sea billows roll, have I hidden in thee, O thou Rock of my soul. Hiding in thee, hiding in thee, thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in thee.

Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: Let us praise the majesty of the universe, old beyond imagining, source of all things, which has created diversity and interdependent unity.

Congregation: We stand in awe before the majestic forces of the universe, and recognize our dependence on one another.

One: May the idols of greed and selfishness fall to the overwhelming power of cooperation and righteousness. Congregation: May all who live acknowledge the rule of justice and swear loyalty to a life of goodness. Amen.

Prophetic Witness

Come and Go with Me

Come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land where I'm bound (where I'm bound).

Come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.

There'll be freedom in that land, there'll be freedom in that land, there'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound (where I'm bound).

There'll be freedom in that land, there'll be freedom in that land, there'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound.

Please be seated.

Sunshine Cathedral Clarion Call

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Sung Response

Come and Go with Me

There'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land where I'm bound (where I'm bound).

There'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land where I'm bound.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of Masaharu Taniguchi
Global Fellowship Member - Rev Cindy Lippert

"Good words are life's treasure. Even if you do not own anything, you can give kindness through the words you use. It is never the case that you are too poor to be kind or you cannot be kind unless you have money. By utilizing the power of words you can take the first step toward a kind act. When someone is depressed, speak kind words to lift their spirits and encourage them. This is kindness. When someone is despairing, having no one's sympathy, when someone is lonely and cursing life, give them loving and kind smiles. This is an act of kindness. Anyone can give a smile. How much life energy that kind smile can give!"

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

Please rise as you are able.

A Message from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7.1-4, 6-9, 11-12, 24-25, ESV) Rev Marian Cavagnaro

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment, you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in [someone else's] eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to [someone], 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if [their child] asks for bread, will give them a stone?

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your [God] in heaven give good things to those who ask?

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise person who built a house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

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

Song of Response

Praise the Name of Jesus

Praise the name of Jesus; praise the name of Jesus. He's my rock, he's my fortress, he's my deliverer in Jesus I trust. Praise the name of Jesus..

Please be seated.

The Anthem Sure On This Shining Night

By Samuel Barber Performed By Emily Schlorf

Homily Rock Solid Spirituality

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Altar Call and Anointing Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus I Don't Feel No Ways Tired

I don't feel no ways tired; I've come too far from where I've started from. Nobody told me that the road would be easy. I don't believe You brought me this far to leave me.

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Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Sign of Peace Lean on Me

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Stewardship Thought

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Jesus (Matthew 6.21)

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music When I Can Read My Title Clear
Arranged By Mark Hayes

Performed By Jihong Adams-Park

Rise as you are able.

Doxology Many Gifts, One Spirit

Many gifts, one Spirit; many works, one God who inspires our abilities, doing all for the body's good; diversity, yet united for the purpose of God above. Many gifts, one Spirit showing us our Maker's love.

Sacrament of Hospitality We Remember

02/05/1993	David Keller	02/07/2018
02/05/2007	Christian McVlain	02/08/2001
02/05/2016	Jeffrey Reinaldo	02/09/2003
02/06/1987	Craig Nowak	02/10/1995
02/06/1995	Donald Hutchins	02/11/2018
02/07/1988		
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Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Renwick Bell

We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local congregation.

Prayer Chorus

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well. May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.

Intercessions

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

We pray for the Sunshine Cathedral's global fellowship and local congregation, may we bring hope and healing to many.

We pray for all seekers of Truth, may they discover an Abiding Peace.

We pray for all who govern that they may work tirelessly for justice, peace, and goodwill.

We pray for any who might be hurting and we give thanks for grace equal to every need.

We pray for those who grieve; may they be comforted. We bless the memories of our (+) dearly departed, and we allow ourselves to be blessed by those memories.

We affirm blessings for all who are on our prayer list and all who are on our hearts.

And with people all over the world we pray,

May peace prevail on earth!

These prayers we offer in the names of all helpers of humanity, and in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, as we continue to pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Rev Dr Anne Atwell & Rev Marian Cavagnaro

One: Referring to the Christian Mass, Thich Nhat Hanh said: "This piece of bread is the body of the whole cosmos. Look deeply and you notice the sunshine in the bread, the blue sky in the bread, the cloud and the great earth in the bread...What is not in a piece of bread? The whole cosmos has come together in order to bring to you this piece of bread. Eat it in such a way that you come alive, truly alive."

One: The Apostle Paul wrote, "Is not the cup of blessing that we bless a participation in the life of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf."

All: In remembrance of Jesus (+), we share cup and loaf, grape and grain, and we affirm Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Invitation to Communion

Rev Renwick Bell

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

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

How Could Anyone

How could anyone ever tell you - you were anything less than beautiful?

How could anyone ever tell you - you were less than whole? How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?

How deeply you're connected to my soul.

How could anyone ever tell you - you were anything less than beautiful?

How could anyone ever tell you - you were less than whole? How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?

How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Renwick Bell

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

This Little Light of Mine

Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

HAVE A BLESSED week ahead

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 29 January

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$12,043.96 Generosity Income Received 8,013.42 Our Abundance and/or (Need) (\$4,030.54) Per Capita Giving \$21.09 306 SC Square Worship Services SC Global Fellowship 34 4,800 People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 716 Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Debbie O.; John (of blessed memory); Bill V. (of blessed memory); Lee P.; Minerva R.; Logan; Kate; Hayden; Connor and Jeannie; Q&E; L&C; Rene; Fila; Tere; Mari; Gloria; Wanda; Sam; Eli; John; Eric; Javier (of blessed memory); B&D; Kevin & Kelli; Chan & Christine; Eloise; Alfredo; Walter, Shari, and Rose (of blessed memory); Michael's friend; Bruce; MLF; Anita; Deb T.L.;

RB's mom; Chris & Dave & family; Noah; Dale; the people of Ukraine; Lennie; Terri & her mother; Rodney;

Ron; Marlene; Mark (of blessed memory); Tim D.; Max; M. Krause; Rose; MLR's das; MonaLisa; Jeff & Ken; those who are incarcerated; Nicholas; Don D.; Nora; Valeek; Art; Pat; Jean; Sayantan & Dipanwita; Alexander; Dave; Alex; Wendy L.D.; Momena; KK; Gary; Juan; Ken; DS & KW; Charlotte; Richard & Giorgio; Elaine V.; Cathy & Karen; David B.; Lewis family; Don E.; Steve P.; Troy & Phillip;

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

LET US PRAY ...

May each of these be filled with loving-kindness; may they be well. May they be peaceful and at ease; and may they be happy. Svaha. Amen.

REMEMBER

Prayers can be submitted via SunshineCathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6).



SunBurst Cathedral News

Hymn Festival at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale on February 5 at 4pm. The Sunshine Cathedral choir will be participating.

BONA MONDAY - Feb. 6, you'll want to eat at Bona Italian Restaurant in Wilton Manors because a percentage of every item served that evening will be donated back to Sunshine Cathedral.

USHERS NEEDED - Starting right away, we need more ushers, especially for our performing arts events. If you would like to become an usher, please see our head usher Peggy Brereton.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE – Feb. 15 at 7 pm. Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins will be teaching on the topic of Homosexuality & the Bible. He will deconstruct the "clobber passages" that have been used to promote homophobia and demonize LGBTQ people, and will also lift up examples of Queer affirming texts in scripture. 90 minutes. FREE. Come to Homosexuality & the Bible and bring a friend.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm on Feb. 22.

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.

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP – Those who don't live locally but who wish to be part of the Sunshine Cathedral community can learn about the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship by visiting SunshineCathedral.org

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - The Sunshine Cathedral Foundation is conducting a capital campaign to improve our property. We need improvements in the administration building and new air conditioning pretty much everywhere. We also need to improve our food sharing ministry storage facilities and our global fellowship capabilities. We're hoping to raise over \$300k over three years or so but we want your pledge commitments as soon as possible. Pledges and payments can be made at SunshineCathedral. org/campaign. We thank those who have already pledged and/or contributed and we're hoping that everyone will try to contribute above and beyond their regular tithing to help make this campaign successful.

TEAM SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL - Join us on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Fort Lauderdale Beach for the Florida AIDS Walk and Music Festival. www.floridaaidswalk.org and search for team "Sunshine Cathedral" If you have any questions, please contact: Rev Anne at 954-462-2004 ext 208 anne@sunshinecathedral.org or Tito McWilliams-Ramos at banjibwoi@gmail.com

Join the Sunshine Cathedral AIDS Walk Team or support the team, either way, we can make a difference for people in Broward County who require HIV services.

MATTALBER - Sunshine Cathedral Center for Performing Arts presents Matt Alber, February 10 at 8 pm, \$35 – \$55. Matt is a Grammy® Award-winning recording artist, filmmaker and teaching artist in public schools across America. Matt's professional music story began in 1998 when he joined the classical acapella ensemble Chanticleer. After five seasons with the ensemble, he began a solo career as a singer/songwriter. His original songs and reinterpretations of pop classics appear regularly television series' like Bones (ABC), The Fosters (ABC Family) & 911 Lonestar (FOX.) Matt has also been presented by Lincoln Center in New York on the esteemed American Songbook Series and on stages around the globe.

Matt also works as a teaching artist both here and abroad. He has traveled as an Artist Diplomat of the US State Department to Sudan, Russia, Kosovo, Estonia & Finland. Matt is also a lead facilitator with Youth Equity Stewardship, a national public school program that uses the arts to foster healthier school communities. (www.corwin.com/yes.)

As a filmmaker, Matt focuses on the stories of LGBTQ+ youth & elders. His current docu-series, Queer As Fundamental (Queer AF*) features the life stories of six rising Queer American artists and why being Queer is fundamental to their life experience. Ticket sales are non-refundable.

VARLA JEAN MERMAN RETURNS - Varla Jean Merman in READY TO BLOW! International drag chanteuse Varla Jean Merman is a woman on the verge of a nervous breakdown! After the craziest time in memory, the loosest gal in town is at loose ends. What's a distressed diva to do? Tease her hair, steal someone's Ativan, and get on with the show, of course! Varla Jean Merman's all-new show is filled with hilarious songs, dazzling costumes, and more thrills than a panic attack. Ticket sales are non-refundable. February 11 at 8 pm. \$35 - \$65

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 5: St. Agatha (231 – 251) – a Sicilian saint who dedicated herself to a life of prayer, a "consecrated virgin." A 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. The nobleman later 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.

February 8: Martin Buber (1878-1965)— Jewish philosopher and theologian. Buber had a strong impact in reminding Christianity of its Jewish origins. He wrote that Jesus exemplified the highest ethical and spiritual ideals of Judaism. He was a champion of interfaith dialogue. He was influenced by the Hasidic movement in Eastern Europe and he believed that Jews and Arabs could find a just way to live together.

Jacoba of Settesoli – follower and friend of St. Francis. Francis lovingly called her, "Brother Jacoba."

February 9: Helen Schucman (1909 – 1981) – a professor of clinical psychology at Columbia University in NYC for 18 years (retiring in 1976). Faculty meetings were increasingly acrimonious and Helen and her friend and colleague, Bill Thetford were beginning to dread them. Bill said to Helen, "There must be another way." Soon after, Helen started receiving "inner dictation" (which she believed was coming from Jesus himself) and she started writing it down. The result is A Course in Miracles. The Course encourages people to love, forgive, believe in the absolute goodness and lovingness of God, and to release fear. By following the Course's guidelines, students of the Course believe that inner peace and lasting joy are possible. The Course seems to blend therapeutic principles, Christian verbiage, and Eastern philosophy. It can be (and is) practiced by people of various faith traditions (and none). One of ACIM's most famous quotes is: "Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God."

February 11: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - St. Mary is said to have made an appearance to Bernadette Soubirous (St. Bernadette) in a cave in Lourdes, France in 1858. Other Marian apparitions followed. The spring at the site is thought to offer healing miracles to many.

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915) — Hymn writer and musician. Though she went blind at six weeks of age, Fanny Crosby became one of the most prolific hymn writers in America. She eventually wrote more than 8,000 hymns. Among those that have been deeply loved (especially in Evangelical churches) include: "Blessed Assurance," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," and "To God be the Glory."



2023 Performances

Matt Alber Friday, February 10

Varla Jean Merman - Ready to Blow Saturday, February 11

Miss Richfield, 1981 - Cancel Cultured Pearls Saturday, March 11

Amy Armstrong & Fernando Gonzalez

- The Gato & the Guapo Saturday, March 18

Brandon & James with Effie Passero Saturday, March 25

Well Strung's Edmund Bagnell Friday, April 14

RACHMANINOFF Complete Etudes with Asiya Korepanova Friday, May 12

Concert with
Anastasiya Naplekova and Lindsay Garritson
Saturday, May 27

Pick up a copy of the 2023 Season Guide in your pew back for more details.



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