Welcome Home To Your . . .



Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme: A Little Can Mean A Lot

Sunday, February 12th 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 Total Praise
(African American Heritage Hymnal)

Lord, I will lift mine eye to the hills knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you.

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Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

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 - Deacon Lydya Chapman

Processional Hymn Just A Closer Walk with Thee (AAHH)

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 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 (Singing the Journey Hymn Book)

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 (STJHB)

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 Mauro Sequeira

"Brothers and sisters, young and old, have a dream...When you dream a dream, your mind will become one with the great Mind that created heaven and earth...Do not let sorrow crush you. Even if you feel crushed, rise again. Even if your dream is broken, you still possess the freedom to draw another dream. Imagine that great power still remains within you."

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

The Wisdom of Rabindranath Tagore Rev Dr Anne Atwell

"The flower which is single need not envy the thorns that are numerous."

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

Please rise as you are able.

The Gospel According to Matthew (13.33, Good News Translation) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus told them this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A woman takes some yeast and mixes it with a bushel of flour until the whole batch of dough rises."

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

Song of Response We've Come This Far by Faith (AAHH)

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; trusting in God's holy word, God's never failed me yet. Oh – can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

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Please be seated.

The AnthemPick Yourself Up
By Jerome Kern & Dorothy Fields

Performed By Aaron Ball

Homily A Little Can Mean A Lot Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Altar Call and Anointing Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

I Don't Feel No Ways Tired (AAHH)

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.

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.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Sign of Peace

Lean on Me

Service of Sacraments

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

Stewardship Thought

"...all which I give, I enjoy in a higher manner through the fact that I give it away." Jean-Paul Sartre

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music

Meditation By J Massenet Performed By David Suarez

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

Many Gifts, One Spirit (Cathedral of Hope Hymn Book)

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

Mel Mitchell	02/12/2016	Clare Marie	02/15/2009
Chet Davidson	02/14/1994	Robert Rebernisek	02/16/2015
Victor Dulkie	02/14/1999	Walter Zawislak	02/16/2022
Glenn Brinkley	02/14/2007	Danny Williford	02/17/1994
Mark Beshears	02/15/2004	Bart Hale	02/18/1995

Eucharistic Intentions Rev Dr Durrell Watkins - 9AM Rev Margarita Rodriguez -10:30 AM

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

Prayer Chorus (Singing the Journey Hymn Book)

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 Durrell Watkins

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 Dr Robert Griffin

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 Dr Anne Atwell - 9AM Rev Margarita Rodriguez- 10:30 AM

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

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

What the World Needs Now

By Burt Bacharach and Hal David

Performed By Sara Burns and Gabe Salazar

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev Dr Robert Griffin - 9AM Rev Margarita Rodriguez -10:30 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 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: 5 February

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$12,043.96 Generosity Income Received \$9,508.67 Our Abundance and/or (Need) (\$2,535.29) Per Capita Givina \$20.85 288 SC Square Worship Services SC Global Fellowship 160,373 People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) 4,900 836 Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 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;

Michael; Jade & Val family; Victor; Nancy D. & Lynn; 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 ...

Each of these is part and parcel of God. Each lives in a field of unlimited possibilities. Each deserves rich experiences of love, hope, wisdom, strength, peace, and joy. We affirm blessings for one and all. 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

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE - Feb. 15 at 7 pm in the Lawrence/Lewis Center for Worship & the Arts. The one night only free class will be offered by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm on Feb. 22. Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent, a season of spiritual renewal.

HALLS OF POWER - Feb. 19 at 7 pm - Follow the story of Elijah Manley, an activist, and one of the youngest candidates to ever run for the Florida State Legislature. Along the way, we will meet other young activists and organizers who are striving to make a difference within our country, starting within their own community.

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

RECIPE FOR A GREAT INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

(by Board member Penny Sanfilippo): Wonderful food from many cultures. Adventurous eaters. Mix both together and you have a fabulous gathering, which we did on Saturday February 4, 2023. 60+ friends (SC members and guests) gathered to enjoy food and each other. A large helping of THANK YOU to all who made and shared their favorite dishes and those who came to support this fun event.

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.

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 12: Brother Lawrence (1614 - 1691) - at about the age of 40, former soldier turned valet "Nicholas Herman" joined the Carmelite order in France and would then be known as "Lawrence of the Resurrection" or "Brother Lawrence." He was a simple, barefoot monk. He spent most of his monastic career working in the monastery kitchen, and in his final years repaired sandals (a barefoot monk repairing sandals so others could walk in comfort was apparently very in character for Brother Lawrence). He was known for his peaceful demeanor and happy nature. He developed a form of praying from the heart, of being in constant communion with the divine, that he called "practicing the presence of God." People would write to him or visit him for spiritual guidance. After Lawrence died, Father Joseph de Beaufort gathered many of Lawrence's letters and published them as The Practice of the Presence of God, which is a text still appreciated by Protestants and Catholics alike.

Immanuel Kant (1724 – 1804) - born in Prussia and became a professor of logic and metaphysics. He separated the historical Jesus and the mystical Christ.

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.

Sally Gross (1953-2014) — South African intersex Roman Catholic priest. Gross was assigned a male identity at birth and raised as a boy. In the 1990 Gross discovered and disclosed that she was indeed female (and was stripped of her priestly status and credentials). Afterward, she embraced Quaker and Buddhist spiritualities and became an intersex activist.

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.

Elizabeth Searle Lamb (January 22, 1917 – February 16, 2015) was an American poet who wrote several spiritual articles for Divine Science publications.

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."

Matthew Kelty – Trappist monk. Lived to be 106. Came out as gay at age 90.



2023 Performances

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

Tango Ensemble ARTE Sunday, April 30

Rachmaninoff Complete Etudes
Asiya Korepanova
Friday, May 12

Muse Duo Saturday, May 20

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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