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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme:

Grace Isn't Earned

Second Sunday in Lent - Sunday, March 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

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

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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

Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear
(Singing the Journey 1029)

*Love knocks and waits for us to hear, to open and invite;
Love longs to quiet every fear, and seeks to set things right.*

Love offers life, in spite of foes who threaten and condemn; embracing enemies, Love goes the second mile with them.

Love comes to heal the broken heart, to ease the troubled mind; without a word Love bids us start to ask and seek and find.

Love knocks and enters at the sound of welcome from within; Love sings and dances all around, and feels new life begin.

Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Love your neighbor as yourself. Love the stranger as yourself. And do not do to another what you would not want done to yourself. This is the entire Torah.

Congregation: We take these principles to heart. We'll teach them to the next generation. We will meditate on them at home and when we travel, when we lie down and rise up.

One: Let them be expressed through our actions.

Congregation: Thus shall we remember to seek peace and pursue justice. 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.



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 Marianne Williamson

Rev Renwick Bell

"In God's world, which is the real world, the more we give, the more we have. Our having a piece of the world's pie doesn't mean there's less for anyone else, and someone else having a piece of the pie doesn't mean there's less for us. So we needn't compete...Our generosity towards others is key to our positive experience of the world...The people who have achieved more than you, in any area, are only a half-step ahead of you in time. Bless them and praise their gifts, and bless and praise your own."

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

Please rise as you are able.

**The Gospel According to Matthew
(20:1, 8-16, New Catholic Version, adapted)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

"The kin-dom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for the family vineyard. [Throughout the day, the landowner returned to the marketplace several times to hire more workers]

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard told the supervisor to pay the day workers. [Each of them, no matter how long they had worked, received the exact same pay]. Those who had come first thought that they would receive more, but they were paid same as those who worked a shorter day.

And when they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner, saying, 'These workers worked barely more than an hour and yet they have received as much pay as those of us who were here all day.'

The owner replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am not treating you unfairly. Didn't I pay you what I promised I would? Take your pay and leave. I have chosen to pay the latecomers the same as I pay you. Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last."

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

Thanks be to God.

Song of Response *You Can't Beat God Giving*
(AAHH 671)

You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try. And just as sure as you are living and the Lord is in heaven on high, the more you give, the more God gives to you. Just keep on giving because it's really true, that you can't beat God giving no matter how you try.

Please be seated.

The Anthem *Nine to Five* by Dolly Parton
Performed by Gabriel Salazar

Homily Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
Grace Isn't Earned

Altar Call and Anointing ***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.*

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Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace *Holy Light, Ignite Each Heart*
(Wings of Song 123)

Holy Light, ignite each heart with the Truth I Am, Thou art. Wisdom, peace, and joy are mine as I Am pure love divine

I Am Light in whom all live; I Am Life, to all I give. I Am perfect; I Am whole, One in body, mind and soul.

I Am Light! I Am the flame! Within all I Am the same. On the altar of each heart, Fire of love, I Am, Thou art.

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger."
Proverbs 11.24 (The Message)

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music *I Will Arise and Go To Jesus*
Southern Folk Melody Arr By Mark Hayes
Performed By Jihong Adams-Park

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

Bill Zanone	03/05/1990	Bob Meadows	03/09/1979
Larry Nelson	03/06/1991	Loretta Karban	03/09/2007
Bob Horton	03/06/2010	Dennis Perrin	03/11/2007

Confession

Rev Renwick Bell

One: Let us say together:

Congregation:

For those I may have wronged, I ask for forgiveness.

For those I may have helped, I wish I had done more.

For those I neglected to help, I ask for understanding.

To those who helped me, I thank you with all my heart.

Amen.

Sung Response

*There's only us, there's only this.
Forget regret, or life is yours to miss.
No other road, no other way, no day but today.*

*I can't control my destiny.
I trust my soul, my only goal is just to be.
There's only now, there's only here.
Give into love, or live in fear.*

*No other road, no other way, no day but today.
No day but today.*

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 location 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 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 Kevin Tisdol

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 *The Lord Bless You and Keep You
(Baptist Hymnal)*

May God bless you and keep you: may God lift Their countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace; may God make Their face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, be gracious, may God be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

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

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 26February

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$12,043.96
Generosity Income Received	\$13,075.42
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$1,031.46
Per Capita Giving	\$33.65
SC Square Worship Services	365
SC Global Fellowship	182,099
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	5,500
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	732

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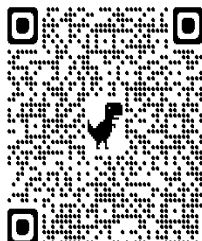
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WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Michael; Jade & Val family; Victor; MLF; Anita; Deb T.L.; Cathy & Karen; Ken; those who are incarcerated; Brian; Tessa W.; Emma; Gen; Brian; Kikito (of blessed memory); Cruz Family; Jey C.; Julie C.; Don; Edda's dad-in-law; Felix M.; Rosa M.; Stark; Jeff & Ken; Alex G.; Abby; Andrea; Yolanda; Paul; Louise (of blessed memory); Doris; Sue & family; Diana; the people of Ukraine;

Ashley; "Mama"; one's sobriety; Sebastian; Bary; Freddie; Lewis family; Felix; Eric; Jeremy; Virginia; Mark; Bill; Brian; Nick; Michael; Bea; Colton; Ken; Viola; Magdalena; Maya;

a patient experiencing complications; Byron; Rodney; Carol; Mark's brother (of blessed memory); 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 ...

May these be filled with loving-kindness; may they be well.

May they be peaceful and at ease; and may they be happy. 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

SAVE THE DATE – Miss Richfield 1981 will be performing as part of the Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts series on March 11. Get tix at sunshinecathedral.org

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7 pm on Wednesday, March 15 for a look at Women in the Bible, led by Rev. Dr. Anne Atwell.

LENT – We are in the Season of Lent, the time of preparation leading to Easter. Some “fast” during Lent (skipping one meal or day or giving up something enjoyable like sweets) but at Sunshine Cathedral, we encourage rather than literal fasting that we “give up” things like self-criticism, religious based fear, unkind attitudes toward others, selfishness, greed, etc. We also encourage “taking on” (or renewing) positive practices, such as daily prayer, generous giving, weekly worship, and supporting worthy projects. These weeks of spiritual practices leading to Easter can serve as a time of renewal for our faith lives. We hope you will actively engage in Lent this year and that your Lenten journey will lead you to Easter joy.

FOOD DRIVE – Every Sunday in Lent we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items to help restock our food pantry that feeds up to 800 people each week. Thank you for loving your neighbor.

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.

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

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.

March 6: Nona Brooks (1861 – 1945) – a major figure in the New Thought movement and one of the pioneers of Divine Science. Nona taught, “We no longer feel that we must overcome God’s reluctance, but rather that we are to lay hold of [God’s] willingness. More willing is [God] to give than we are to receive.” She also stressed divine Omnipresence: “...let us turn to our Basis, Omnipresence. This means God everywhere; therefore, God includes me.”

March 7: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity (d. 203)—Martyrs. Perpetua, who came from a wealthy family in North Africa, and Felicity, her friend and servant, were martyred at Carthage during a period of Roman persecutions. Despite the pleadings of her family and the prospect of being torn apart by savage animals, Perpetua refused to renounce her Christian faith. In death they comforted each other, and in one final act before the jeering crowds they kissed each other. Writings about their death were wildly popular in the early church, and are important for reflecting the perspective of an independent woman of faith who claimed her own identity and vocation despite the demands of a patriarchal society.

Paramahansa Yogananda (1883 – 1952) – a spiritual teacher who emphasized each individual’s ability to experience Truth for herself or himself rather than relying on inherited or “blind” belief. He believed every individual has the ability to experience the Divine directly and should rely on that experience more than on religious dogma. Yogananda wrote, “As long as you are making the effort, God will never let you down!”

March 9: Mikao Usui (1865 – 1926) - the founder of the complementary healing technique known as “Reiki” (universal life-force energy). Reiki practitioners allow themselves to be a channel of Universal Life-force Energy, imagining symbols as they place hands on or near certain spots of a person’s body (they also give “distant treatments” for people far away). Practitioners share the energy but remain detached from the outcome. They trust the energy will flow freely to accomplish whatever is most needed. The principles Reiki practitioners try to live by are simply: “Do not be angry. Do not worry. Be grateful. Work with diligence. Be kind to people.” Reiki is not a religion and can be practiced by people of any or no faith tradition.

A.K. Mozumdar (1864– 1953) - Born in India, Mozumdar came to the U.S. to teach his understanding of spiritual principles. Mozumdar's beliefs about the connection between the mind and the body are now widely shared by both religious and secular thinkers. Mozumdar taught that God is within us, inseparable from us. Mozumdar's quotes include: "That which you imagine with a positive assurance becomes a reality to you" and "Convince yourself that you have the ability to do a certain thing, and you will have the ability." Ernest Holmes was a friend and admirer of Mozumdar.

March 10: Harriet Tubman (1820?-1913)—Abolitionist. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped to the North in 1849. In the next 10 years she made 19 trips into the South, leading 300 slaves to freedom. Soon she was known as 'Moses.' During the Civil War she served as a spy, scout, and nurse. Later she worked for the cause of women's suffrage. She was a member of the AME Zion Church.

Social Justice Reminder

Please remember to register to vote. If you have had any changes that may affect your voting status, now is a good time to get your information updated. Your vote matters!

Sunshine Cathedral Community Outreach Team

The Sunshine Cathedral is preparing to relaunch our Community Outreach Team. We will soon be needing individuals to join Team Sunshine Cathedral to participate in various Pride events in Palm Beach (March), Miami (April) and Stonewall (June) -- and various Social Justice Calls to Actions - so we want to invite you to be thinking about if this is a team you would like to join. More information and sign up opportunity will be coming out soon.

Did You Know?

Sunshine Cathedral has a new talk show called **Queer News Tonight Sunshine Cathedral Edition**. This is a new program hosted by members of your Sunshine Cathedral Clergy Staff, Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Minister of Connections, Rev Kevin Tisdol, Minister of Education and Rev Dr Robert Griffin, Executive Minister and the show is Anchored by our Senior Minister, Rev Dr Durrell Watkins. Search for this new program on Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Page or YouTube and search for Sunshine Cathedral Edition.

Coming UP in March

Easter Lily Drive
Food Sharing - Lenten Food Drive
15 – Bible Study: Women in Hebrew Bible
with Rev Dr Anne Atwell
22 – Women's History Month Townhall

Coming UP in April

5 – Passover
9 – Palm Sunday
7 – Good Friday Concert – 7PM
9 – Easter: Service at 9AM & 10:30AM
12 - Bible Study: Women in Christian Tradition
with Rev Dr Anne Atwell



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

Café Society Pride a GENVAS Production
presents
Didier Castell-Jacomin, piano, Steinway Artist
Saturday, April 29

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

Café Society Pride a GENVAS Production
presents
Lucia Lucas, Female Baritone
In Her Own Voice...An Autobiographical Salon
Concert
Saturday, June 10

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