

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*

**PALM**  
*Sunday*



*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.*

*A Positive Worship Experience*

*Today's Theme:*

*Released*

*Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023*

*All Are Welcome!*



## **Service of Gathering**

**Welcome**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

**Announcements**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

***Please rise as you are able.***

**Introit**

Old 120<sup>th</sup>  
*Hymns of the Spirit*

*O thou not made with hands, not throned above the  
skies, nor walled with shining walls, nor framed with  
stones of price,  
more bright than gold or gem, God's own Jerusalem!*

*Where'er the gentle heart finds courage from above,  
where'er the heart forsook warms with the breath of love,  
where faith bids fear depart; City of God! Thou art.*

*Where in life's common ways with cheerful feet we go,  
when in Christ's steps we tread who trod the way of woe;  
where Christ is in the heart, City of God! Thou art.*

*Not throned above the skies, nor gold-walled afar, but  
where Christ's two or three, in that name gathered are;  
be in the midst of them, God's own Jerusalem! 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**

*Ride On! Ride on in Majesty  
New Century Hymnal*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! O Christ, with brave  
humility, on lowly colt, your road pursue, as palms and  
cloaks are spread for you.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! As crowds of people come  
to seeband shout hosannas, lifting high their praise for  
one about to die.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on in humble dignity;  
behold the ones you came to save from senseless life  
and sorrows grave.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! For you have set your  
people freeband we, remembering all your pain, now  
meet again to hail your reign.*

## **Opening Responsive Prayer**

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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**

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

*As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking  
schemes, grant that we your global village, might  
envision wiser dreams*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles  
soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever,  
now and ever, now and evermore.*

***Please be seated.***



## **Sung Response**

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to  
withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit  
resurrect the church again.*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles  
soar, we your people, ours the journey now and ever,  
now and ever, now and evermore.*

## **Service of Proclamation**

**The Wisdom of Howard Thurman**

Rev Kevin Tisdol

"In the quietness of this place, surrounded by the all-pervading presence of the Holy, my heart whispers: Keep fresh before me the moments of my High Resolve, that in good times or in tempests, I may not forget that to which my life is committed. Keep fresh before me the moments of my high resolve.

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

***Please rise as you are able.***

**The Gospel According to Matthew  
(21.1-2, 6-14)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

When they drew near Jerusalem...Jesus sent off two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village directly ahead of you, and as soon as you enter you will find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.

The disciples went off and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their cloaks on their backs, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that preceded him and those that followed kept shouting:

"Hosanna [Save us, heir to the throne] of David!

Blessed is [the one] who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!"

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was filled with excitement. "Who is this?" the people asked, and the crowds replied, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who set up businesses there...

The blind and the [disabled] came to him in the temple, and he cured them.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

**Song of Response**

*Italian Hymn  
New Century Hymnal*

*Come, thou all gracious Lord, by heaven and earth adored! Our prayer attend; come, and thy children bless, give thy good word success, make thine own holiness on us descend.*

*Never from us depart; rule thou in every heart, hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

***Please be seated.***

**The Anthem**

*The Holy City*  
By Frederick E Weatherly & Michael Maybrick  
Performed By Sara Burns

**Homily**

*Released*  
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

**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.  
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**

**Sign of Peace**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
New Century Hymnal*

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way; our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.*

*As you received their praises, receive our prayers today, whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.*

*All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

**Service of Sacraments**

**Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

**Stewardship Thought**

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

**Offering Prayer**

*May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.*

**Offering Music**

*Beautiful City*  
By Stephen Schwartz  
Performed By Gabe Salazar

***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**

David Shaw	04/03/1995	John Larkin	04/08/1996
Robert Egan	04/05/1999	Jim Corrigan	04/08/1998
Vincent Jenkins	04/07/1990		

### **Confession**

Deacon Michael Karban

One: Let us pray together

*All: Save us, our compassionate God, from our folly,  
by your wisdom, from our arrogance, by your forgiving  
love, from our greed by your infinite bounty, and from  
our insecurity by your healing power. 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**

Deacon Michael Karban

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 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

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 Kevin Tisdol

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

### **Communion is Shared**

#### **Communion Song**

*Ride on King Jesus*  
African American Heritage Hymnal

*Ride on, King Jesus, no one can a-hinder me.  
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no one can a-hinder me,  
no one can a-hinder me.*

*Ride on, King Jesus, no one can a-hinder me.  
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no one can a-hinder me,  
no one can a-hinder me, no one can a-hinder me,  
no one can a-hinder me.*

*In that great gettin' up morning, fare ye well, fare ye well.  
In that great gettin' up morning, fare ye well, fare ye well.  
In that great gettin' up morning, fare ye well, fare ye well.  
In that great gettin' up morning, fare ye well, fare ye well.*

No one can a-hinder me, no one can a-hinder me,  
no one can a-hinder me, no one can a-hinder me.  
Ride on, King Jesus.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacon Michael Karban

***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

*Higher Love*

## 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: 26 March

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$12,043.96
Generosity Income Received	\$8,058.42
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$3,985.54)
Per Capita Giving	19.35
SC Square Worship Services	303
SC Global Fellowship	181,996
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	5,500
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	730

Detailed information located at  
[SunshineCathedral.org](http://SunshineCathedral.org)

## Donating to Sunshine Cathedral

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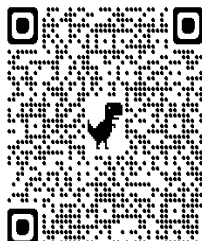
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## SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

### WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

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; the people of Ukraine;  
a patient experiencing complications; Byron; MLF;  
Anita; Rodney; Carol; Mark's brother (of blessed  
memory); Deb T.L.; Maureen's son; Logan; Kate;  
Hayden; Dean; Emmett; Jeannie; H. Cohen; Maria;  
Christine H.; Pam; Jodie; Ben's family; Ken; those  
who are incarcerated;

Max; Raymond; Alexander; DeShaun; Craig; Kyle;  
Lilia; Silvia; Hubert; Barb & Mary; Paul Z.; Ginny;  
Edie; Josh & family; Caelyn; S.D. & K.W., Shannon  
O. & Charlotte (of blessed memory); Dani & Andrew;  
Kevin & Kellie; T.T.; Crystal & Mark; Trinaka; Billie;  
Colleen; Melody; communities tormented by gun  
violence;

Ken; Max; Michael M.; Martha; 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 ...

*We hold these dear ones in the light of divine love.  
We affirm blessings for each of them.  
We give thanks for grace equal to every need.  
We believe in and expect miracles.  
And so it is.*

### REMEMBER

Prayers can be submitted via [SunshineCathedral.org](http://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

**BECOME AN EASTER LILY** – The sponsors of our Easter programming are called Easter Lilies. Easter Lilies help us have a grand Easter celebration which also helps energize the ministries of the Sunshine Cathedral. Our Easter Lilies make special donations in memory or in honor of loved ones whose names are included in the Easter Sunday worship program. There are Easter Lily envelopes in the seat backs and an Easter Lily link is available on our website. Those wishing to be Easter Lilies must make their commitment by Palm Sunday (April 2). For more info contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin.

**HOLY WEEK** – the week before Easter, begins with Palm Sunday and includes special services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** – On April 6 at 7 pm there will be a Maundy Thursday service in the Lawrence/Lewis Center for Worship & the Arts (the worship center). It will be about half an hour in length. It's a special Communion service to commemorate the Last Supper. We will also reflect on the life of Jesus as depicted in our Chancel Windows! A brief and reflective service, this is a beautiful way to begin the Triduum (the final three days of Lent).

**GOOD FRIDAY** – Join us at 7 pm on April 7 (Good Friday) for a musical event. Our Good Friday service of music and readings is also dramatic and powerful. Save the date and plan to be with us on Good Friday.

**EASTER** – Join us at 9 am or 10:30 am on Easter Sunday for worship. This will prove to be an amazing celebration.

**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](http://SunshineCathedral.org)

## **QUEER WATER CARRIER LED DISCIPLES TO UPPER ROOM FOR LAST SUPPER** - by Rev. Kittredge Cherry

A queer person led the disciples to the Upper Room for the Last Supper with Jesus, according to LGBTQ-affirming Bible interpretations.

The story of the water carrier will be read at many churches worldwide during Holy Week, but most overlook this gender-variant bit player who makes a brief but important appearance.

Some progressive Bible scholars embrace the water carrier as a transgender ancestor or “trans-cestor” because he was seen as a man doing women’s work. His gender transgression was so obvious that he stood out in a crowd. Jesus says to follow “a man carrying a jar of water.”

The gospels of both Mark and Luke describe how the disciples asked Jesus where to prepare the Passover meal that would turn out to be his Last Supper. Jesus gave unusual instructions:

“Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” (Mark 14:13-15; see also Luke 22:9-11)

Jerusalem was crowded for Passover, so how were the disciples supposed to pick out this particular water carrier? Even standard commentaries explain that he stood out because usually only women carried water pitchers. Jesus told his disciples to follow a gender nonconformist. Christ trusted a queer man to lead them to the next stop on their spiritual journey, to the room where the disciples share his Last Supper and later received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

## **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**April 2: St. Mary of Egypt (344 – 421)** – according to legend Mary of Egypt was a sexually insatiable libertine who went on an “anti-pilgrimage” to Jerusalem for the sole purpose of having dalliances with pilgrims. She tried to enter a church and an invisible force wouldn’t permit her to do so. She then noticed an icon of the Blessed Lady Mary (Mother of the Lord) and dedicated her life to God on the spot. She then was able to enter the church. A “voice” told her that if she were to cross the Jordan she would find rest. She went to a monastery on the bank of the Jordan, made confession and received Holy Communion, and then crossed the river to spend the rest of her days as a hermit. She died alone and wasn’t found for a year. When her body was found, it had not begun the decomposition process. The person who found her buried her with the help of a passing lion!

**April 4: Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)**—Apostle of freedom and renewer of society. Martin earned first a Bachelor’s degree from Morehouse College, then a seminary degree from Crozier Divinity School, and finally a Ph.D. in Theology from Boston University. Later he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was the spiritual leader of the modern Civil Rights movement. Inspired by the example of Gandhi, he led a campaign of nonviolent resistance to racial segregation, racism and poverty. He is best remembered for his famous “I Have a Dream” speech given at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. He was repeatedly jailed and in 1968 he was assassinated in Memphis, TN.

**April 7: Ernest Holmes (1887-1960)** – Founder of Religious Science. Holmes was an influential figure in the New Thought movement. After studying philosophy and world religions independently, working with his brother who was a Congregational minister, and becoming ordained in the Divine Science movement, Holmes wrote *The Science of Mind* (among several books) and started the Religious

Science Church. In his *The Art of Life*, Holmes instructed, "When you pray or affirm your good, close the door of your consciousness to everything which denies this good and state your needs, not as a supplication but as an affirmation of acceptance... We shall not gain happiness by continuing to repeat mental patterns of unhappiness... Can we, in the midst of negative conditions, accept a great good? If we can we shall be complying with the Law of Life. We shall be giving Life a chance to work for us."

*Fenwicke Holmes (1883 – 1973)* - earned a B.A. from Colby College and attended Hartford Seminary and was ordained a Congregationalist minister (and later, a Divine Science minister). In addition to assisting his brother (Ernest Holmes) in the Science of Mind movement, he also served as the pastor of a Divine Science church. He was helpful in spreading New Thought philosophy in Japan through his collaboration with Seicho-No-Ie's founder, Masaharu Taniguchi. Fenwicke's books include: *Being & Becoming* (1925), *The Law of Mind in Action* (1926), and *The Truth About Matter* (1944). He wrote a poem in the divine voice: "I am thy life within thee, I am thy health; I am thy choicest treasure, I am thy wealth. I am thy deepest wisdom, I am thy light; I am thy power within thee, I am thy might. I am thy warm emotion, I am thy truth; I am thy ageless heritage, I am thy youth. I am thy hope of heaven, I am the way; I am the light eternal, I am the day. I am thy will-to-conquer, I am thy sword; I am the peace thou cravest, I am thy word... I am the Inner Presence, Forever nigh – Whenever thou dost say, 'I am': I AM That I."

*April 8: Sidhartha Gautama, the Buddha (circa 560 – 480 BCE)* – Buddha means "Awakened." He was born in what is today Nepal and he died in India. The Buddha is said to have had a dramatic experience whereby he became "awake" (or enlightened), and then set about teaching others how they, too, could learn to live as fully awake beings. Many Buddhists speak of the "Buddha Nature" that is latent within all of us; as we achieve enlightenment (or awakening), we express that Buddha Nature. The Buddha is regarded as the model, or supreme Buddha, but others have been thought to achieve enlightenment. Compare this to the belief that some have that Jesus demonstrates the Christ Principle that is latent within all people.

The Buddha taught that suffering is caused by ignorance. Attachment and craving are symptoms of ignorance. By learning the Truth (and practicing what we learn), we can change our thoughts and attitudes, that is, we can control our cravings and thereby limit suffering. Buddha taught and practiced meditation and gave an 8-fold righteous path to follow, which included right understanding, right thinking, right speech, and right action.

### 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!

### Happening

Easter Lily Drive  
Food Sharing - Lenten Food Drive

### Coming UP in April

2 - Palm Sunday  
5 - Passover Begins  
6 - Maundy Thursday Service 7PM  
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

Well Strung's Edmund Bagnell  
Friday, April 14

"Stronger Than Hate"  
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

Mother' Day Concert  
Laurel Zucker & Marie Schwartz (Flutes)  
Sheng-Yuan Kuan (Piano)  
Sunday, May 14

Muse Duo: Collin Holloway & Luke Benedict  
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.



## *Thank You Easter Lily Donors*

### *Easter Host*

Phil Cordell - In Memory of my amazing Mom and Dad.

### *Lilies*

Lynda Pantoja - In Memory of my beloved Mom and Dad.

Margarita Rodriguez - In Memory of my beloved Mom.

Mark Nogal

In Memory of Family and Friends.

In Honor of Chosen Church Family.

Sara and Phillip Burns - In Honor of the Sunshine Cathedral Music Ministry.

Richard Childs Raul Diaz - In Honor of Martha Diaz.

### *Daffodils*

Gary Grieve and Patrick McGeachen - In Memory of Betty Grieve and Jean Scarpa.

Rev Kevin Tisdol and Michael Mitchell - In Memory of our sisters Cynthia and Michele.

Lawrence Gammons - In Memory of my husband Carl Jennings.

Peter B. Cinelli MD - In Memory of Michael LiPuma.

### *Jonquils*

Brad Sterl and Tedd Davis -In Memory of Liz Sterl & Matilda Davis.

Cathy Tullo & Karen Dougherty - In Honor of our parents.

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins and Rev Dr Robert Griffin - In Memory of Shawna Kennedy

John Kent - In Memory of Terry Phillpott.

Michael Spatz - In Honor of Sunshine Cathedral Ministries & Congregation.



# *Tulips*

Allan Dewes and Austin Lee  
In Memory of Evelyn Louise Conrad Bailey.

Andre Caetano and Mike Manning  
In Honor of Adelia Araujo Caetano.

Art and Pat Wenzel  
In Memory of Jean Wenzel.

Bob Woodman  
In Memory of Thomas Ainsworth.

Denise Warrick  
In Memory of my parents Lois & Bill.

Rev. DonnaChristine Park  
In Honor of WAMMS 15th Anniversary.

James Burke  
In Memory of Joe Leonard.

Jim Knight and Beth Yongue  
In Memory of Stephan Arre and Michael Floyd.

Margie and Edie Baker  
In Memory of Kitty, John, Cathy Baker and Walter Jud.

Michael Moore  
In Memory of Naomi Ells.

Penny Sanfilippo  
In Honor of my chosen family!

Phil McChesney and Joel Scinto  
In Memory of our parents, sister, and brother.

Rick Brown  
In Memory of Mom, Dad, Nan, and Aunt Kate.

Wade and Jeff Boyles - Hays  
In Memory of Mama Sarah Smith Boyles.



**GO TO GREECE, EGYPT, ISRAEL AND TURKEY FOR FREE**  
**Contest runs from Sunday, April 2, 2023 to August 27, 2023 HELP SUNSHINE**  
**CATHEDRAL 'TRAVEL FOR GOOD'**

Sunshine Cathedral is now running a contest where you can travel for free on the Greece Cruise. Here are the details of how the contest works.

We are asking you to invite friends and family to join you on Sunshine Cathedral Eastern Mediterranean CruiseTour.

Every guest that travels will give you an entry into a drawing for you to win a free cruise.

If one person travels at your encouragement then you win an entry into drawing Sunday, August 27 at Sunshine Cathedral Sunday 10:30 am service. (entries are unlimited so the more that join you on the trip, the more entries you win).

**Bonus Incentive.**

If a minimum of 4 guests travel with you, earn a travel incentive with Cruise Line.

If 4 guests travel with you you will get \$400 spending cash onboard the ship which can be used for gratuities, shore excursions, shops, internet or any other credit for your on board account.

Then after 4 guests they will provide \$100 for every guest that travels with you (unlimited. 10 friends and family travel with you will earn you \$1000 total for your onboard account).

**How to enter.**

After you have discussed the Sunshine trip with your friends and family, send an email to DavidH@HappeningOut.travel with (friends and family) name, email address and phone number.

David will contact them to facilitate the booking and your free cruise drawing and onboard credit is secured. It's that easy.



## THEOLOGY OF DRAG PERFORMANCE by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Sunshine Cathedral has multiple ecclesiastical affiliations, including an historical connection with Metropolitan Community Churches (aka MCC, a denomination founded by a Queer person with an affirming outreach to LGBTQ people).

In MCC history, many churches began in Gay bars (where drag performance was normative) and “drag shows” were often done to raise money for new MCC congregations. Drag is a foundational and formative part of our sacred history.

Metropolitan Community Churches began 9 months before the Stonewall Riots and were always part of the LGBTQ Liberation efforts. The spirit of Stonewall, where drag performers and transgender women protested for LGBTQ dignity and equality, was already moving in MCC as of October 6, 1968 (MCC’s first worship service).

Trans & non-binary people and drag performers are the shamans and warriors of LGBTQ history. They are our saints, prophets, and heroes. At Sunshine Cathedral (#MyQueerChurch) we consider their witness and legacy to be holy.

World famous drag artist RuPaul says, “We’re all born naked and the rest is drag.” Costumed performance and gender bending performances aren’t limited to so-called drag shows. For more than a century, from movies to television to plays to sketch comedy, we have seen performers who identify as one gender performing the role of a character of a different gender.

“Drag” at Sunshine Cathedral is used to described any costumed performance or presentation that is unlike one’s daily routine. For example, we call our vestments “clergy drag.” In fact, noting that men and women wear the same “clergy drag” (robes that flow like gowns) regardless of their gender identities, and that this is true of not only Sunshine Cathedral worship but of liturgical churches everywhere, we say both humorously and sincerely, that the Christian liturgy is the longest running drag show in history.

In Ezekiel 1.28 the prophet envisions the divine to be like a Rainbow. The Rainbow, then, can be considered God’s drag. At Jesus’ baptism, God shows up in Dove drag. Some have even said that angels are God in drag.

At Sunshine Cathedral, Drag performance is not only embraced, it is celebrated for its contributions to our sacred history and it is included in our theology and worship. In fact, whenever we gather (whether for a cabaret, a concert, a comedic performance, a “drag show”, a film showing, or a liturgy), we are gathering in the spirit of love and are opening ourselves to the transformative power of art and community. So, a drag performance at our church is a sacred gathering, a form of worship, as are all gatherings where human potential is affirmed and human dignity is recognized and community is lovingly formed and shared.

## **Sunshine Cathedral Church Affiliaes**

*Divine Science Federation  
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## **Sunshine Cathedral Programming**

*Administration Ministry  
Assisted Living Facility Ministry  
Broadcasting Ministry  
Center for the Performing Arts  
Local & National Partnership Ministry  
Food Sharing Ministry  
Global Fellowship Ministry  
Global Justice Institute Partnership  
Music Ministry  
SAGE - Friendly Visitor Program  
Samaritan Institute  
Sunshine Social Services - SunServe  
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Wellness Ministry  
Worship Ministry*

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Broward House  
Broward Women's Choral  
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Care Plus  
Care Resource  
The Cupboard - Kosher Pantry  
Feeding South Florida  
Fort Lauderdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
Gateway Terrace Apartments  
Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida  
Happening Out TV Network  
Homeless Outreach - Hollywood  
Latinos Salud  
Medflo (ALF)  
Opera Fusion  
Our Fund  
The Pantry of Broward  
Paradise Manor (ALF)  
Presidential Place (ALF)  
Pride Center  
Project Lifeline (United Way)  
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The Residences at Equality Park  
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South Florida Hunger Coalition  
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