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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme: Tag, We're It

Easter 2 - Sunday, April 16th 2023

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Announcements

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Please rise as you are able.

Introit

And God will raise us up on eagle's wings, bear us on the breath of dawn, make us to shine like the sun, and hold us in the palm of God's hand.

Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation

*Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where *Our God is love. *Kindness is our worship. *Compassion is our prayer. *The sacred value of all people is our creed; and *Healing the hurts caused by hatred is our mission.*

The Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Service of Praise

Crucifer -

Deacon Lyda Chapman: 9AM

Tito McWilliams - Ramos: 10:30AM

Processional Hymn

Walking in Sunlight, all of My Journey

*Walking in sunlight all of my journey, over the mountains, thought the deep vale;
Jesus has said, 'I'll never forsake thee,' promise divine that never can fail.*

*Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine;
hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing praises, Jesus is mine.*

*Trials around me, troubles above me never conceal my comfort and guide;
Christ is my joy in whom is no sadness; ever I'm walking at Jesus' side.*

*Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine;
hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing praises, Jesus is mine.*

*In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing, pressing my way to visions of love;
Singing Christ's praises gladly I'm walking, walking in sunlight, light from above.*

*Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine;
hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing praises, Jesus is mine*

Litany (by Barbara Pescan)

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: Gloria.

All: The tenacity of Earth and its creatures.

One: Kyrie eleison.

All: The children who will go on to save what we can not.

One: Baruch ata Adonai.

All: The ordinary tenacity of plants and of people.

One: Om.

All: The center of the universe which is everywhere, not the least place in the human heart.

One: Alleluia.

All: Love that survives anger, and winter, and despair, and sorrow, and even death.

One: Shalom.

All: Love that persists.

One: Nam myoho rengo kyo.

All: Calm that is the seed in the dark.

One: Amen.

All: For endings that are beginnings, for beginnings that are endings.

One: Alleluia.

All: For the circle, the spiral, the web, the egg, the orbit, the center, the seed, the flower, the fruit, the opening, the death, the release, the seed.

One: Amen.

All: We are going on.

One: Amen.

All: It is going on.

One: Amen.

All: Blessed be.

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.

Sunshine Cathedral Clarion Call

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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 John Banister Tabb

Jim Knight, Global Fellowship Member

"Out of the dusk a shadow, then, a spark. Out of the cloud a silence, then, a lark. Out of the heart a rapture, then, a pain. Out of the dead, cold ashes, life again."

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

The Gospel According to Matthew

(28.16-20, The Message)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

The eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped...Some, though, held back, not sure...

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the... name: Abba, God's son, and holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

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Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

Mfurahini, Halleluya
Community of Christ Sings

*Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and sing praise, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

*Let us sing praise to God with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting Christ did come to destroy.
Love always giving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Our Time
By Stephen Sondheim
Performed By Aaron Ball

Homily

Tag, We're It
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Altar Call and Anointing

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

You Are My Hiding Place

*You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with
songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you. I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, 'I am strong in the strength of our God.'*

*You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with
songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid, I will trust
in you.*

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive

*You've got to ac-cent-u-ate the positive,
e-lim-in-ate the negative, latch on to the affirmative,
don't mess with Mister In-between.*

*You've got to spread joy up to the maximum, bring
gloom down to the minimum, have faith or
pandemonium li'ble to walk upon the scene.*

*We better ac-cent-u-ate the positive, e-lim-in-ate the
negative, latch on to the affirmative, don't mess with
Missus In-between.*

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"The cultivation of generosity is the beginning of spiritual awakening." Sharon Salzberg

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music *Sonata for Violin No 1 in G Minor, IV Presto*

By J.S. Bach

Performed By Laura Gonzalez

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

Laudate Dominum

*Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum omnes gentes,
alleluia!*

*Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum omnes gentes,
alleluia!*

Sing, praise and bless the Lord.

Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

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Sacrament of Hospitality We Remember

Alberto Estrella	04/16/1995	Arthur Green	04/19/1993
Joe Lowman	04/18/1993	Loyd Fraim	04/19/2005
Robert Zurcher	04/18/2004	Victor Houck	04/21/1994
Lain Benjamin	04/18/2012		

Eucharistic Intentions

Deacon Ed Huckemyer

One: We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and location congregation. Christ lives in story, in ritual, and in our lives as we remember Jesus at this table. And so, with Eastertide gladness, let us sing together:

*Let the victor's people sing, alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives today, alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

Intercessions

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

One: Spirit of Community, in which we share and find strength and common purpose, we turn our minds and hearts toward one another seeking to bring into our circles of concern all who need our love and support:

those who are ill, those who are in pain, either in body or in spirit, those who are lonely, those who have been wronged

We call to mind leaders of nations.

We seek to bless our Sunshine Cathedral and all who have requested our prayers.

We remember also our (+) dearly departed, thankful that they live on in our hearts and love.

We are part of a web of life that makes us one with all humanity, one with all the universe.

We are grateful for the miracle of consciousness that we share, the consciousness that gives us the power to remember, to love, to care.

And with people all over the world we pray –

All: May peace prevail on earth.

One: These prayers we offer in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, and as he did we continue to pray:

Model Prayer

*Creator which art in heaven, hallowed be thy names.
Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And leave us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a Passover meal with his closest companions.

He compared sharing bread to being a body where many parts work together within and as a whole.

He compared a memorial cup to the life-blood of a ministry dedicated to justice-love.

And he asked that when such a meal was shared again, that he be remembered (+), so that his life and love would be present in their blessed memories.

*All: We remember. We share. We give thanks. We
summon hope. We are one. Amen.*

Invitation to Communion

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

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

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

*How Could Anyone
(Singing the Journey)*

*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.

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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 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

I Saw the Light

Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

HAVE A BLESSED
week ahead

**Thank You Easter Lily Donors
for a combined giving of
\$16,750.00.**

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 9 April

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$12,043.96
Generosity Income Received	\$17,980.77
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$5,936.81
Per Capita Giving	\$18.73
SC Square Worship Services	654
SC Global Fellowship	186,965
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	5,700
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	829

Detailed information located at
SunshineCathedral.org

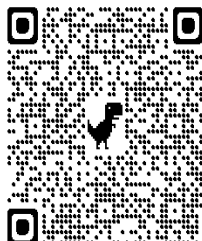
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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

The people of Ukraine; a patient experiencing complications; Byron; Carol; Mark's brother (of blessed memory); Maureen's son; H. Cohen; Maria; Christine H.; Pam; Jodie; Ben's family; Ken; those who are incarcerated; Freddie;

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; T.T.; Crystal & Mark; Trinaka; Billie; Colleen; MLF; Anita; Rodney;

Bary & Bob; Ken; Max; Michael M.; Martha; Deb T.L.;

all who work for peace and justice; Nancy; Jeannie; Logan & Kate; Hayden; Dean; Emmet; Kevin & Kellie; PM & CT; TJ; Shelly; 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 ...

Indwelling and everywhere present God: each person we hold in prayer is part of you and is forever embraced by the Love that you are; and so it is that each is abundantly and continuously blessed. Thank you, God. 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

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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

APRIL PERFORMANCES – Dider Casstell-Jacomin (Saturday the 29th), Range Ensemble ARTE (Sunday the 30th). Artist information and tix prices and availability can be found at SunshineCathedral.org/arts

NEW SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL AFFIRMATION – many years ago, our opening affirmation was, "Here at the Sunshine Cathedral we are seekers and students of Truth, empowered by Spirit, sharing the Light with the world." For that last 15 years or so, our affirmation has been, "Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church, where the past is past and the future has infinite possibilities." Starting today, our affirmation will more fully tell the world what to expect from a Sunshine Cathedral experience. Our new opening affirmation is: "Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where: *Our God is love. *Kindness is our worship. *Compassion is our prayer. *The sacred value of all people is our creed; and *Healing the hurts caused by hatred is our mission.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

"I'm praying for you" is often what we say when someone is facing difficulties.

I think that means "I love you, I'm sorry you're going through this, I hope things get better soon, and I'm with you in ways that are both limited and profound."

That's encouraging. That's compassionate. That may even be the stuff of miracles.

I don't take it to mean, "may an exterior deity intervene to rescue you even though she failed to rescue others," and I don't take it to mean, "I hope the misfortune passes you by only to plague someone else."

Please pray the prayer of loving-kindness whenever anyone crosses your mind, especially anyone who is facing difficulties. But let's also liberate ourselves of theologies where the gods arbitrarily grant and refuse wishes, sparing some people but not everyone the indignities and difficulties of life. Let's send our love without reinforcing images of an inconsistently gracious deity.

Let your prayers for others be expressions of love. What greater miracle is there?

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April 17: Lillian DeWaters (1883 – 1964) – a Christian Scientist who expanded into broader New Thought. She was known as a spiritual healer. She lectured widely and gave private instruction at the Astor Hotel in NYC. She wrote over 40 books on spirituality. She encouraged: "Remember that some feet will tread all heights now unattained. Why not thine own? Press on! Achieve! Your dominion is ever within thee, waiting your command to set you free."

April 19: Tibira do Maranhão - First indigenous gay martyr of Brazil. The indigenous man was baptized and then executed for sodomy by French missionaries in 1614. Tibira is the first documented case of a person killed for homosexuality in Brazil.

April 20: Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein (1889 – 1938) – building on the ideas of Rabbi A. G. Moses (who believed the healing philosophy of Christian Science was compatible with Judaism and could be offered in a Jewish context), Lichtenstein and his wife Tehilla co-founded the Society for Jewish Science. Jewish Science sees God as a "force" or "energy", practices visualization and affirmations in its healing work, and believes religion has a role to play in healing of mind and body. Unlike Christian Science, Jewish Science does not oppose the use of medicine when it is needed. Some of the Jewish Science beliefs were, overtime, embraced by other branches of Judaism. The Society for Jewish Science still offers services in their own building in NYC.

April 21: Thomas Parker Boyd (1864 – 1936) – Episcopal priest and psychologist. Founded the Society of the Healing Christ. Believed healing was part of the gospel message and should be practiced by the Church. Throughout his life he prayed for the sick and they would often recover. He was a member of the International New Thought Alliance.

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!

**10 WAYS JESUS IS UNIVERSALLY RELEVANT,
REGARDLESS OF WHAT ONE BELIEVES ABOUT
GOD (by Jim Palmer):**

1. Jesus both affirmed what was good and confronted what was wrong in his own religious tradition.
2. Jesus taught that love is and should be the ultimate fulfillment of all religious or spiritual teaching.
3. Jesus pointed out the hypocrisy of claiming a close relationship with God while perpetuating discord and hostility in human relationships.
4. Jesus confronted the mentality of judging others, and instead told people to look in the mirror.
5. Jesus taught a human solidarity where every person sees themselves as a "neighbor" to the downtrodden, marginalized, hurting and forgotten..
6. Jesus extended love, compassion and friendship to all people without condition.
7. Jesus affirmed the inherent and equal worth of all human beings, regardless of their status or place in the world.
8. Jesus confronted systemic oppression and took on institutional power structures that perpetuated it.
9. Jesus did not seek to convert people to any religion or belief-system but challenged his followers to embrace and follow the spirit of truth within themselves.
10. Jesus affirmed that every person has the responsibility and authority to build a world of peace and harmony that works for everyone.

SOCIAL HALL HOSPITALITY – Coffee and treats between 10 am and 10:30 am. This gives people leaving the first service and those coming to second service both a chance to have a little pick me up and also meet one another.

PRAY WITH US – Monday through Saturday at Noon Eastern we have Midday Prayer on the Sunshine Cathedral Facebook page.

2023 Performances

50th Anniversary Concert
Broward Women's Chorus
Sunday, April 23

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

Alex Roitman
Tango Ensemble ARTE
Sunday, April 30

Rachmaninoff Complete Etudes
Asiya Korepanova
Friday, May 12

Mother's Day Concert
Laurel Zucker & Marie Schwartz (Flutes)
&
Sheng-Yuan Kuan (Piano)
Sunday, May 14 at 3PM

Muse Duo Concert
Collin Holloway and Luke Benedict
Saturday, May 20

Piano Concert in support of Ukraine with

Anastasiya Naplekova and Lindsay Garritson
Saturday, May 27

Ann Hampton Callaway's Love and Let Love:
A Pride Celebration
featuring

Ann Hampton Callaway, singer/songwriter
by Café Society Pride Series
Saturday, June 3

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

2023 - 2024

The 2023 - 2024 Sunshine Cathedral Center for the
Performing Arts performances will be announced
on June 1, 2023. 16 Performances Scheduled!
Series Tickets go on sale 15 June, 2023



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Project Lifeline (United Way)
Publix
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Williamsburg Landing (ALF)
Women in Distress*

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