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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme: We Need One Another

Easter 4 - Sunday, April 30th 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 Heal Our Land

Heal our world, Spirit heal our world;
Hear our cry and turn our nations back to you.
Lord, heal our world, hear us, O Lord, and heal our world;
Receive our prayer and heal our broken world.
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Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation

The Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Service of Praise

Crucifer - Deacon Lydya Chapman

Processional Hymn

Bless Us All

Bless us all who gather here
The loving family I hold dear
No place on Earth compares with home
And every path will bring me back from where I roam

Bless us all, that as we live We always comfort and forgive We have so much that we can share With those in need we see around us everywhere

Let us always love each other Lead us to the light Let us hear the voice of reason Singing in the night Let us run from anger And catch us when we fall Teach us in our dreams And please, yes please bless us one and all

Bless us all with playful years with noisy games and joyful tears We reach for you and we stand tall And in our prayers and dreams we ask you Bless us all

We reach for you and we stand tall And in our prayers and dreams we ask you Bless us all.

Opening Prayer (by Thich Nhat Hanh, abridged) Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: Let us be at peace. Let us return to ourselves and become wholly ourselves.

All: Let us be aware of the source of being, common to us all and to all living things.

One: Evoking the presence of the Great Compassion, let us fill our hearts with our own compassion – towards ourselves and towards all living beings.

All: Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be the cause of suffering to each other. 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.

Sunshine Catheral 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

Acts of the Apostles (14.8-15, NCB adapted)
Rev Dr Anne Atwell

At Lystra, there was a man who was disabled from birth and had never walked. He listened to Paul speaking. Paul looked intently at him, and, seeing that he had the faith to be healed, called out to him in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet." The man sprang up and began to walk.

When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" They called Barnabas Zeus, and Paul, Hermes. And the priest of Zeus brought oxen and garlands as offerings.

However, when the apostles Barnabas and Paul learned about this, they rushed into the crowd, shouting, "Friends, why are you doing this? We are only human beings, just like you. We proclaim to you the good news so that you may turn from idols to the living God..."

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

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel According to Matthew (10.40-42, New Catholic Bible)

Rev Renwick Bell

Jesus said, "Whoever receives you receives me; and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he [or she] is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous [person] because he [or she] is righteous will receive a righteous [person's] reward.

And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because they are a disciple, amen, I say to you, [that one] will not go unrewarded."

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

Song of Response

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. (x2)

Please be seated.

The Anthem

By Michael W Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick
Performed By Gabe Salazar

Homily We Need One Another
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Altar Call and Anointing Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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

Lean on Me

Some times in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow. Lean on me when you're not strong - and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow. But no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show. Lean on me when you're not strong - and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Just call on me dearest when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry, I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me. Lean on me when you're not strong - and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Stewardship Thought

"Giving...is one of the surest ways to verify within your own consciousness that God is the source of your supply, and to establish a link with that supply itself." Rev. John W. Adams

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music

By William J. Mirkpatrick, Arr. Mark Hayes
Performed By Jihong Adams-Park

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

Randy Sellmann	04/30/1998	Harry Hinman	05/01/2014
William Smith	04/30/1998	Ron Bulpin	05/02/1988
Frank Troina	04/30/2005	Scott Carter	05/03/1994
Gregg Gustafson	05/01/1994	Patty Werdling	05/05/2020
Dean DiFiore	05/01/1996	Harry Nelson	05/06/1990
Robert Rodd	05/01/1999	Pat Ångell	05/06/1996

Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory of all killed in Gun Violence.

by
The Sunshine Cathedral Staff

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Renwick Bell

One: We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local 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 Dr Durrell Watkins

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 Marian Cavagnaro

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

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

Standing on the Side of Love (Singing the Journey)

The promise of the Spirit: faith, hope and love abide. And so ev'ry soul is blessed and made whole; truth in our hearts is our guide.

We are standing on the side of love: hands joined together as hearts beat as one.

Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim we are standing on the side of love.

Sometimes we build a barrier to keep love tightly bound. Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear, denying the beauty we've found.

We are standing on the side of love: hands joined together as hearts beat as one.

Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim we are standing on the side of love.

A bright new day is dawning when love will not divide. Reflections of grace in ev'ry embrace, fulfilling the vision divine

We are standing on the side of love: hands joined together as hearts beat as one.

Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim we are standing on the side of love.

We are standing on the side of love.

Noisy Offering

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

Processing Fees – Due to an increase, any credit card processed by the church office will include a 2.5% processing fee beginning 1 May 2023.

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 23 April

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$12,043.96 Generosity Income Received \$5,435.70 Our Abundance and/or (Need) (\$6,608.26) Per Capita Givina \$16.81 SC Square Worship Services 304 SC Global Fellowship 194,205 People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) 5,800 Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 728 Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

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.; Edie; Josh & family; Caelyn; S.D. & K.W., Shannon O.; Charlotte (of blessed memory); Dani & Andrew; Crystal & Mark; Trinaka; Billie; Colleen; MLF; Anita; Rodney;

The people of Ukraine; Bary & Bob; Ken; Max; Michael M.; Martha; Deb T.L.; all who work for peace and justice; Nancy; Jeannie; Logan & Kate; Hayden; Dean;

Emmet; PM & CT; TJ; Shelly; Mark's father of blessed memory; Chuck's mother; Sheila; Jeannie & Kim; DonnaChristine; Edie; Hermine; Roz & Judy; Ken; Rodney & Carol; PB's mom; Ginny; Lenae; Elaine; Lewis family; Steve M.; TT; Melissa; Kevin & Kelli; 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 ...

"There is only one presence and one power in the universe and in [these lives]: God, the good omnipotent." And so it is.

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

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY – First Sunday of every month (next Sunday) you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to help stock our food sharing pantry. This is one of the ways we combat food insecurity.

EASTER – Remember, Easter is a season lasting 49 days (Advent is a season lasting 4 weeks, Christmas is a season lasting 12 days, Epiphany is one day and the time after Epiphany is called either ordinary time or the Season After Epiphany, Lent is a season of 40 days but it lasts 46 days because Lent doesn't include Sundays, Pentecost is a day but a few weeks thereafter can be called the Season After Pentecost, June is Pride Month, and July until Advent is Ordinary Time. So, when you see Easter 2, Easter 3, Easter 4 etc, that indicates which Sunday in Eastertide it is. We are still observing Easter (all the way to Pentecost), alleluia!

DINING OUT – May 1 join us at Bona Italian Restaurant in Wilton Manors. A percentage of every meal sold that day is donated back to Sunshine Cathedral.

BIBLE STUDY – Some Women in the New Testament, led by Rev. Dr. Anne Atwell. 7 pm. May 9th.

CHURCH POTLUCK – Pastor Robert will be the host for a Church Potluck on Wednesday, 17 May, 6PM – 7:30PM, in the Social Hall. Great time for community, connecting, conversation AND EATING!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS – There will be a Sunshine Cathedral Zoom Membership Class on Wednesday, 24 May beginning at 7PM. Please email Pastor Robert to sign up.

MOVIE NIGHT – Join Pastor Robert for a Movie Night at the Gateway Theater ... for whatever is playing on 31 May at the 7PM hour.

SUMMER CLUB – every year we designate a few weeks as our Summer Club collection time. The Summer Club is simply anyone and everyone who gives a bit extra in May and June to help us face the shortfalls that summers traditionally have brought.

If those who travel will remember to donate even while they are away, and those in our Global/Virtual congregation continue to donate, and everyone who can gives a bit extra (that could be \$5 or \$10 more each week, or a one-time extra gift of any size), we'll get through summer with relative ease and never miss a beat in providing ministry to our local and global communities.

FALL CRUISE – Cruise With Sunshine and Your Friends In Our Greece Fundraiser Cruise Tour! And, we have a contest where you have a chance to travel for free.

RAFFLE: Every friend that travels with you enters you in the raffle to cruise for free. Meaning 4 friends traveling with you means 4 chances for you to cruise for free.

BONUS: In addition to raffle entry, for every friend that travels with you, you get \$100 on the ship. Meaning if 4 friends travel with you, you get \$400 to spend on board your cruise.

If you plan on joining us for the cruise anyway, get your friends to join you and you might just win some great prizes. Contact David at DavidH@HappeningOut.Travel or (954) 900-5942.

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

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST - is made possible by Happening Out Television Network. Happening Out is housed at Sunshine Cathedral Square. Happening Out programming can be viewed on YouTube, Facebook, Roku, and other streaming venues.

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.

AREAS OF SERVICE – Would you like to join the choir (they rehearse weekly and sing at both Sunday morning services)? Could you help us as an usher? Do you like to clean? Would you like to bake desserts or make dips or finger sandwiches for Social Hall Hospitality? There are several areas where you can get more involved. Everyone needs to meet people and have something to do, and giving service to an area of ministry at Sunshine Cathedral is a great way to achieve both goals.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-A reminder that you can still support the Capital Campaign to help us make improvements and renovations to the property. 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. For more information please contact Phil McCheseny at info@sunfound.net or Pastor Robert.

Campaign Goals

Completed:

Global Fellowship Virtual Production Space
Courtyard Renovation & Mural Project (Topp Artist)
Parking Lot Renewal
Outdoor Gender Neutral Restrooms Renovation
Worship Center Stained Glass Project
AC Upgrades Building 1

In Process:

Administration Building AC Upgrade Administration Bulding Window Replacement Food Sharing Ministry HVAC Storage Container

Pending:

Worship Center AC Upgrade Narthex Area AC Replacement Chapel Renovation

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April 30: Pseudo-Dionysius (5th or 6th century) – mystical theologian who influenced later mystics, theologians, and philosophers. He understanding "god-talk" to always be symbolic, that is, divine Transcendence necessitates speaking of the Divine in symbols, but whatever we say about God must fall short of all that God is. He believed "evil" is temporary and has no real substance to it.

May 1: St. Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)—Priest. Thomas was a simple Augustinian monk whose life is not remembered so much as his writings. His best known work on the spiritual life is The Imitation of Christ, a classic that has been influential among both Protestants and Catholics. He emphasized that our actions are far more important than our knowledge.

May 2: Hannah More Kohaus (1844 – 1914) – poet and hymn writer, best known for her "Prayer of Faith" which is recited or sung in many New Thought churches.

May 3: Apostle Philip – chosen by Jesus, the Apostle Philip should not be confused with Philip the Deacon.

May 4: David S. Alkins (1922 – 2015) – was an Episcopal priest (graduate of both New England Conservatory of Music and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University) who served parishes in Texas and Washington state as well as working with various non-profit agencies. In 1979 he became the Dean of Brooks Divinity School (named for Nona Brooks, it was a Divine Science ministry school in Denver) and received an honorary doctorate in 1987. His two small publications were "Bridge Builders of Truth" and Jesus the Way Shower.

May 6: Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)—Naturalist and social critic. While his writings were largely ignored in his lifetime, Thoreau's thoughts on social justice, freedom, and civil disobedience were to later influence Tolstoy, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King. A fiercely independent nonconformist, he followed no particular religion, but has been described as something of a Taoist sage. His mystical rapture with nature speaks to us today in our ecological concerns. Some historians speculate that Thoreau may have been gay.

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

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!

2023 Performances

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.

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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