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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme:

Good News: We Are Children of God

Easter 5 - Sunday, May 7th 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. Receive our prayer and heal our broken world.

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 - Tito McWilliams-Ramos

Processional Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine. let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine. let it shine.

All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine. All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine. All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Opening Prayer

Rev Renwick Bell

One: In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us pray.

All: "O God...we thank thee for the inspiration of Jesus the Christ, who came to this world to show us the way.

And grant that we will see in that life the fact that we are made for that which is high and noble and good.

Help us to live in line with that high calling, that great destiny..." 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 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

Wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita Rev Dr Anne Atwell

I am the Self that dwells in the heart of every creature: I am the beginning, the life span, and the end of all.

I am the radiant sun among the light-givers: I am the mind, I am consciousness in the living.

...I am the knowledge of things spiritual.

I am glory, prosperity, beautiful speech, memory, intelligence, steadfastness, and forgiveness.

I am the divine seed of all lives.

...Whatever in this world is powerful, beautiful or glorious, that you may know to have come forth from a fraction of my power and glory.

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

Please rise as you are able.

Wisdom of the Apostle Paul

(Romans 1.1-7, New American Bible) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which was promised previously through the prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel about God's son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as son of God in power according to the spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy.

Grace to you and peace from $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$ and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Yesterday, Today, and Forever By Vicky Beeching

Performed By Aaron Ball

Homily Good News: We Are Children of God

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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 Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"Those who give offerings of gratitude honor the Divine." Psalm 50.23

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music

Après un Rêve By Gabriel Fauré Performed By Laura Gonzalez

Rise as you are able.

Doxology Laudate Dominum

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, alleluia!

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

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Sacrament of Hospitality We Remember

 Jeannette Murphy
 05/11/1983
 Woody Cooper
 05/13/1995

 Paul Deiters
 05/12/1987
 Jim Rieck
 05/13/2006

 Chuck McGlynn
 05/13/1991
 Phil Coleman
 05/13/2009

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 Dr Durrell Watkins

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 Marian Cavagnaro

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 Kevin Tisdol

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.

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

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: 30 April

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$12,043.96 Generosity Income Received \$10,447.27 Our Abundance and/or (Need) (\$1,596.63) Per Capita Givina \$20.15 273 SC Square Worship Services SC Global Fellowship 194.483 People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) 5,800 Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 773 Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org

Donating to Sunshine Cathedral

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

those who are incarcerated; Freddie; Max; Raymond; Alexander; DeShaun; Craig; Kyle; Lilia; Silvia; Hubert; Barb & Mary; Paul Z.; Edie; Josh & family; Caelyn; Shannon O.; Charlotte (of blessed memory); Dani & Andrew; Crystal & Mark; Trinaka; Billie; Mark's brother (of blessed memory);

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; Kevin & Kellie; PM & CT; TJ; Shelly; Mark's father of blessed memory; Chuck's mother; Sheila; Jeannie & Kim;

Edie; Hermine; Roz & Judy; Ken; Jade family; Lewis family; Virginia; Mark; Aaron; Brian; Bill; Mama Tullo; Lenae; David H.; Raymont A.; DonnaChristine; Rodney & Carol; PB's mom; Elaine; Ginny; Steve M.; Melissa; Kevin & Kelli; Kevin K.;

TSP; KTW; TT; Barbara S. (of blessed memory); Lee W.; Harvey; SD & KW; Zackary a.; Glenn & Martin; 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 ...

In this Season of Eastertide, may Life abundantly bless all who have been entrusted to our prayers. May each be happy and well. In gratitude, we allow it to be so. 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

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.

BIBLE STUDY – Some Women in the New Testament, led by Rev. Dr. Anne Atwell. 7 pm. WEDNESDAY, May 10th.

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.

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!

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.

WE NEED SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL TO REPRESENT DURING PRIDE – the first Pride Parade was a memorial celebration of the Stonewall Uprising. As we all proudly remember, the Stonewall Uprising was when a gay bar in NYC was raided by the police but this time, people resisted. They marched in the streets, they chanted, they confronted the police, they surrounded the police, some threw objects. Many of those resisters were people of color, drag performers, and transgender people. So, one cannot honorably celebrate "Pride" without the inclusion of the drag and trans communities.

Sunshine Cathedral wants to march strong in this year's Pride Parade on Saturday, June 17, in memory and honor of those who are being unfairly excluded. Drag artists and transgender people are under attack these days, having their existence and their livelihoods criminalized state by state. This is a violation of free speech/expression, and for those of us who count such trans and drag figures among our saints and spiritual heroes, it's an infringement of religious freedom.

In solidarity with the drag and trans members of our community, and in blessed memory of the righteous warriors of Stonewall whose actions inspired the first Pride Parades, Sunshine Cathedral wants to march in force this year. We want 60 marchers or more!

We need you. You can invite friends to join you. Let's show the world that the LGBTQ+ community is proud to be the people we are divinely designed to be, and we will not be silent when any segment of our community is being unfairly targeted.

Let's march! Join us on Saturday, June 17th the parade begins at 7PM.

To join our marching team, please contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.org).

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

May 8: Blessed Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)—Mystic. Few details are known of the life of Dame Julian, a recluse who was famed as a spiritual counselor. She is best known for writing Revelations of Love Divine, the first book written in English by a woman. At the age of 30 she became gravely ill, but recovered following a series of visions of Christ. She spoke of God as our Creator, Protector, and Lover, and wrote of the motherhood of both God and of Jesus, emphasizing the goodness of creation and God's mercy toward the weak. "As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother." She is often called "Blessed" even though she was never formally beatified.

May 10: Ida B. Elliott (1862 – 1957) – Divine Science founder Malinda Elliott Cramer's niece. Ordained by Nona Brooks (the originator of the Divine Science teachings in Colorado and the de facto leader of the movement after Malinda's death) in 1907. Ida wrote books of her own, had a ministry in Oakland, CA, and contributed to Mind Remakes Your World (edited by Ernest Holmes).

May 12: J. Krishnamurti (1895 – 1986) - born in India and adopted by Theosophist Dr. Annie Besant. Dr. Besant declared that Krishnamurti would become a global teacher whose coming had been predicted by Theosophists. The Order of the Star in the East was formed and the young Krishnamurti was to be its head. But in 1929, Krishnamurti renounced the role that was prophesied for him and dissolved the Order. For the next six decades he traveled around the world speaking to large audiences (as a global teacher after all!) about the need for a change in humankind. Rather than promoting any particular religion, he simply spoke of our universal longing for happiness and the need to release internal anger and fear which keep that happiness from us.

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)

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

Play by the Lesbian Thespians

The Gospel According to Jesus, Queen of Heaven in March Friday, August 18

The 701 Club with Sister Helen Holy Saturday, November 18

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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> Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida Happening Out TV Network

Homeless Outreach - Hollywood

Latinos Salud Medflo (ALF)

Opera Fusion

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The Pantry of Broward

Paradise Manor (ALF) Presidential Place (ALF)

Pride Center

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