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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme: God Talk

Easter 7 - Sunday, May 21st 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

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 Mysterious Presence, Source of All (Sharing the Living Tradition)

Mysterious Presence, source of all – the world without, the soul within - thou fount of life, O hear our call, and pour thy living waters in.

Thou breathest in the rushing wind, thy spirit stirs in leaf and flower; nor wilt thou from the willing mind withhold thy light and love and power.

Thy hand unseen to accents clear awoke the psalmist's trembling lyre, and touched the lips of holy seer with flame from thine own altar fire.

That touch divine again impart, still give the prophet's burning word; and vocal in each waiting heart let living psalms of praise be heard.

Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: [Holy One], you are the path and the goal that paths never reach. You feed and sustain all that one sees, or seems. You are the trembling grass and the tiger that creeps under it. You are the light in sun and moon, the sounds fading into silence, and the sanctity of sacred books. You are the good that destroys evil.

All: Amen.

Prayer Response

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.

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 Apostle Paul (Romans 6.23, NAB) Rev Marian Cavagnaro

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel According to Matthew (6.24, NAB)

No one can serve two masters. They will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

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 This Is The Moment

By Leslie Bricusse & Frank Wildhorn Performed By Gabe Salazar

Homily God Talk

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

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

"You don't have to be an angel; just be someone who can give." Patti LaBelle

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music

By Tom Nichols and Dan Chadburn
Performed By Tom Nichols and Dan Chadburn

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

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

Sacrament of Hospitality We Remember

Nathan Tucker	05/21/1991	Vincent Osterndorf	05/25/2011
Don Easton	05/22/1995	Jay Stepp	05/26/1996
Derek Morris	05/23/1995	John Strzelec	05/27/1991
Rae Duran	05/23/2006	Steve Cardinal	05/27/1991
Sherry Johnson	05/23/2007	Bob Post	05/27/1996
Alvio Ronquillo	05/23/2015	Fredd Burleigh	05/27/1998
Clate Blake	05/24/2005	Anthony Bumbaca	05/27/2017
Jerald Downs	05/25/1997	-	

Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory of all killed in Gun Violence.

by
The Sunshine Cathedral Staff

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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 Anne Atwell

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 Kurt Krieger

One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God. All: 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.

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: 14 May

Weekly Generosity Income Needed
Generosity Income Received
Generosity Income Received
\$10,328.52
Our Abundance and/or (Need)
Per Capita Giving
\$12.31
SC Square Worship Services
SC Global Fellowship
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached
Detailed information located at
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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING ...

those who are incarcerated; 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;

Edie; Hermine; Roz & Judy; 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.; TT; Melissa; Kevin & Kelli; Kevin K.; Terri;

Beau; Deb; Barbara S. (of blessed memory); Lee W.; Harvey; SD & KW; Zackary a.; Glenn & Martin; Johnny; Yesenia; Wm; Gen;

Drag performers; Trans and non-binary youth; Jeannie & Kim; J.; Ken M; Ashely; Dani & Andrew; 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 a Higher Power that can calm our fears, lead us forward, offer us lasting peace, stir wisdom within us, and strengthen us as may be needed.

This Power is with and in us all.

We call upon this Power to bless each person we hold in prayer today.

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

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.

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.

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 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!

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

We need you. You can invite friends to join you. Let's show the world th 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! 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 22: Rabbi Baal Shem Tov (1700-1760) — Founder of Hasidism. He proclaimed a mysticism of the everyday. In each task and moment there is a spark of the divine holiness of God. The spirit in which one lives is more important than following a set of laws. Although most were murdered by the Nazis, vibrant Hasidic communities thrive today in Israel and the US.

Harvey Milk (1930 – 1978) - visionary civil and human rights leader who became one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States when he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. His political career was cut short when he was assassinated nearly a year after taking office.

May 24: Julia Seton Sears (1862-1950) - Founder of the New Civilization Church. She was a metaphysical teacher known to both Ernest and Fenwicke Holmes. She was both a metaphysical healer and also a medical

doctor. Her books include Helpful Thoughts, The Science of Success, The Mystic's Goal, and The Key to Health, Wealth, and Love. She stated, "There is nothing in all the world but life! Even Death itself is only life acting inversely."

Stormé DeLarverie - a biracial "butch" lesbian drag king entertainer and one of those credited with starting the Stonewall Rebellion that launched the modern LGBTQ liberation movement. She died on May 24, 2014 at the age of 93.

May 25: Rosa Bonheur - the most famous female painter of the 19th century, wore men's clothing honored what she called the "androgyne Christ." She had lesbian relationships. She died on May 25, 1899.

May 26: Anna L. Palmer (1858 - 1944) – ordained by Nona Brooks in 1916, Palmer became president of the Colorado College of Divine Science and editor of Divine Science Monthly.

May 27: Prentice Mulford (1834 - 1891) - Author of Thoughts Are Things. One of the earliest New Thought pioneers (if not one of the better known). Mulford was a mystic who believed each person must discover Truth for himself or herself. His insights came more from reflection than from study. Some of his insights include: "To say a thing 'must be' is the very power that makes it" and "Every thought of yours is a real thing - a force." At only 57 he died peacefully without any apparent illness or pain.

Thank You Summer Club Donors Goal: \$20,000.00 Raised: \$6,161.00

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HAVE A BLESSED week ahead



2023 Performances

Piano Concert in support of Ukraine 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

> New River Orchestra Concert Sunday, July 30

Play by the Lesbian Thespians
The Gospel According to Jesus,
Queen of Heaven
Friday, August 18

Organ and Piano Concert
Barbara Ramcharitar and Jihong Park-Adams
Saturday, September 30

Marie Schwartz, flutist Sunday, October 1

Judy Gold, Comedian Saturday, October 21

GENVAS ProductionSeth Sikes and Nicolas King
Friday, October 27

The 701 Club with Sister Helen Holy
Saturday, November 18

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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Divine Science Federation
International Council of Community Churches
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