

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*



*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All*

*A Positive Worship Experience*

*Today's Theme - I Am*

*October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023*

*All Are Welcome!*



## **Service of Gathering**

**Welcome** Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister  
Rev Dr Robert Griffin, Executive Minister

**Announcement** Rev Dr Anne Atwell  
Minister of Connections

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

**Introit** We Are

*For each child's that born, a morning star rises and sings  
to the universe who we are.  
For each child that's born, a morning star rises and sings  
to the universe who we are.*

*We are our grandmothers' prayers and we are our  
grandfathers' dreamings, we are the breath of our  
ancestors, we are the spirit of God.*

*We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,  
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,  
We're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,  
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,  
We're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,  
we are makers of peace and wisdom of ages.*

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ancestors, we are the spirit of God.*

*For each child that's born, a morning star rises and sings  
to the universe who we are.  
We are one.*

### **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: This is the day that has been made.

*All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

## **Service of Praise**

Crucifer - Tito McWilliams Ramos - 10:30

**Processional Hymn** *When Israel Camped in Sinai*  
(CoH Hymnbook)

*When Israel camped in Sinai, God spoke and Moses  
heard, this message tell the people, and give them this  
my word.*

*From Egypt I was with you; I bore you on my wing,  
the whole of your great nation from slav'ry I did bring.*

*Just as a mother eagle who helps her young to fly,  
I Am a mother to you; your needs I will supply.*

*And you are as my children, my own who hear my voice.  
I Am a mother to you, the people of my choice.*

*If God is like an eagle who helps her young to fly,  
and God is also father, then what of you and I?*

*We have no fear of labels; we have no fear of roles,  
God blends them and transcends them; we seek the self  
same goal.*

*Our God is not a woman; our God is not a man,  
our God is both and neither, our God is I Who Am.*

*From all the roles that bind us, our God has set us free.  
What freedom does God give us? The freedom just to  
be.*

**Opening Litany** Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: When we forget that we are forever in the Mighty I  
Am presence,  
*All: Lord have mercy.*

One: When we fail to do the work of justice-love,  
*All: Christ have mercy.*

One: When we act as if divine Love could reject anyone  
for any reason,  
*All: Lord have mercy.*

One: All-embracing and everlasting Love, today we  
answer your call to love out loud, and to share the good  
news of the Love that will never let us go.  
*All: Amen.*

**Prophetic Witness** *For Everyone Born*

*For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without  
fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness  
and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,*

*and God will delight when we are creators of justice and  
joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when  
we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

***Please be seated.***

### **Sunshine Cathedral Clarion Call**

Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

**Sung Response** *For Everyone Born*

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fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness  
and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,*

*and God will delight when we are creators of justice and  
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we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

## **Service of Proclamation**

### **Responsive Reading of The Decalogue**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Let us recall the commandments by which we seek to live: Worship nothing other than the omnipresent, eternal God.

*All: Do not try to confine God to any image.*

One: Do not use God's name in hurtful or hateful ways.

*All: Remember a day each week for worship and renewal.*

One: Honor your elders.

*All: Do not murder.*

One: Do not break sacred vows.

*All: Do not steal.*

One: Do not bear false witness against anyone.

*All: Do not begrudge whatever good fortune your neighbor may enjoy.*

One: St. Paul taught that love is the fulfillment of the law. Jesus said that loving God and neighbor is the message of the law and the prophets. We keep the commandments when we live in love. May the world know us by how loving we are.

*All: Amen.*

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

### **A Reading from the Torah (Exodus 3.7-8a, 10, 13-14)**

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

The Eternal said, "I have seen the troubles my people have suffered in Egypt, and I have heard their cries when the Egyptians hurt them. I know about their pain. Now I will go down and save my people from the Egyptians.

So now I am sending you to Pharaoh. Go! Lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

Then Moses said to God, "But if I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors sent me,' then the people will ask, 'What is this God's name?' What should I tell them?"

Then God said to Moses, "Tell them, 'I Am Who I Am.'"

When you go to the Israelites, tell them, 'I Am' sent me to you."

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

*Thanks be to God.*

***Please be seated.***

### **The Anthem**

*This is Me*

By: Benj Pasek and Justin Paul  
Performed by Gabe Salazar

### **Homily**

*I AM* Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

### **Altar Call and Anointing**

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

## **Prayer Chorus**

*Light of God in Me*  
(Tune: Woodworth ["Just As I Am"]  
Words: ©2012, Durrell Watkins)

*Just as I am, I'm meant to be God is my life eternally  
And Love divine embraces me O Light of God in me...  
in me.*

*Just as I am I'm whole and free Love, hope and joy are  
all for me And Truth affirms my dignity O Light of God in  
me...in me.*

*Just as I am healed, prospered and blessed Grace frees  
me now from strife and stress and I receive Life's very  
best O Light of God in me..in me.*

## **Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations**

### **Sign of Peace**

*Lean on Me*

*Sometimes 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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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 Prayer**

Rev Kevin Tisdol (9AM) - Penny Sanfilippo (10:30AM)

One: Because we value our community and believe in our inspired mission, because we want every person to live with hope and joy, and because we know that even a little can mean a lot, we participate in the Sacrament of Sharing, the joyful giving of resources meant to help more and more people discover that they are God's miracle and not God's mistake.

*All: We give what we can and do so with love. Every dime and every dollar given with the intention to bless others will make a difference in someone's life. This brings us joy, and in this way, we worship. God bless our gifts to faithful service, for the sake of your love. Amen.*

**Offering Music** Violin Partita No.2 in D Minor IV Gigue  
By J.S. Bach - Performed by Laura Gonzalez

**Rise as you are able.**

**Doxology** God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way; from the night of anxious keeping, loose us in to generous day. Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span, God, fulfill be young our dreaming, all our stewardship began.*

### **Sacrament of Hospitality**

#### **We Remember**

Andrew Sokatch	10/01/1976	Thomas F Duffy	10/02/2014
Ron Burkett	10/01/1987	Pierre Bland	10/02/2017
Bradley Eddy	10/01/2001	Patrick McManus	10/03/1993
Sherman Rosser	10/01/2019	Ken McEnerney	10/03/1995
Robert Yarbrough	10/02/1994	Steve Hamby	10/04/2007
Doug Helphinstine	10/02/2003	Ernest Phalen	10/07/1981
Martha Evans	10/02/2004	Dale Meredith	10/07/1999
William Thomas	10/02/2009		

#### **Eucharistic Intentions**

Minister of the Altar: Rev Renwick Bell

One: We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral's local and global congregations.

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You (Baptist Hymnal)*

*May God bless you and keep you: may God lift Their countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace; may God make Their face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, be gracious, may God be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.*

#### **Intercessions**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Heaven is where God is, and God is everywhere, so we are always in God's presence, always in Heaven.

In this moment, we ask for Heavenly riches to meet our every need.

We affirm blessings for the Sunshine Cathedral, for all who are on our prayer list, for all who worship with us today, and for all who are on our hearts.

We now allow spiritual Truth to out-picture in the world of experience.

Miracles abound; and with people all over the world we pray,

*All: May peace prevail on earth.*

One: And so it is that we now continue our prayers as Jesus modeled...

#### **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.*

#### **Sung Response**

*Cup of blessing that we share, does it not our faith declare? Is it not in gratitude, that we take this sacred food?*

*As one body, we are fed, Love we share, one Cup, one Bread. Is it not one bread we break? Of God's goodness all partake.*

*Casting out distrust and fear, let us love with hearts sincere! One by God's design are we: let us live in unity.*

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

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

#### **Communion is Shared**

The ushers will direct you row by row to come forward for Communion. If you would like a communion kit to serve yourself communion in your seat, tell your usher. "Taste and see that God is good."

## Communion Song

*I Love Myself the Way I Am*

*I love myself the way I am, there's nothing I need to change. I'll always be the perfect me, there's nothing to rearrange. I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and I love myself just the way I am.*

*I love you, the way you are, there's nothing you need to do. When I feel the love inside, it's easy to love you. Behind your fears, your rage and tears, I see your shining star, and I love you just the way you are.*

*I love the world the way it is, 'cause I can clearly see that all the things I judge are done by people just like me. So 'til the birth of peace on earth that only love can bring, I'll help it grow by loving everything.*

*I love myself the way I am, and still I want to grow, but change outside can only come when deep inside I know: I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and I love myself just the way I am.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister of the Altar: Rev Renwick Bell

***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

*Ain't No Mountain High*

## Commissioning

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

## Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

## SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

### WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Raymont A.; Bary; DonnaChristine; Lynne; MDR; John S.; Beverly; Alice M.; RG; Renaldo; Aaron; Virginia; Bill; Angel & family; Mark; Bill & NTP; Mama Tullo;

CJ; Steven; Wendy & Victor; Belinda's friend; MM; Marsha; Madeline; Carlton; Kewona BC; the people of Hawaii; Liz E.; Cameron; Aprelle; Lynne; Angel; John K.; Ron & Teresa; Pat; Maureen; J.; Onjuli; Joe Anna; Patty; Erin; MM; Kevin & Kellie; people of Morocco; Doreen M. (of blessed memory); John S.; Dave; Hermine; Mitzi; Katy; Laura; Joe; Michael; Peter; Albert; Carol J.; MLF; Anita;

Brian; Ellen; Susan; Courtney; John S.; Brad S.; Miguel; LG; Tim; Gig B.;

Roberto E.; Nana; Brian; Nick; Mark; Bill; Virginia; Aaron; Lewis family; John S.; Cathy & Karen; Jon; Jeannie; Willito; Cruz sisters; Quico; Henry;

*all who work for peace and justice; those who are incarcerated; The people of Ukraine; Drag performers; Trans and non-binary youth; Troy & Phillip; Don E.; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; INTA; the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship*

### LET US PRAY...

*Universal Love,  
You hold each of these we lift up in prayer.  
Each is part of you. Each is an expression of you.  
Each is offered gifts of hope, peace, strength,  
courage, and comfort.  
Each is a good candidate for a miracle.  
Fill these lives with light and with joy.  
We expect, accept, and give thanks for blessings now.  
Amen.*

### 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

## From the Pastor's Desk

How Much Is Enough?  
(by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins)

"A tenth of everything...  
belongs to the Lord."  
(Leviticus 27.30)

"The world of the generous  
gets larger and larger..."  
(Proverbs 11.24)

"Those who give alms will enjoy a full life..."  
(Tobit 12.9)

Jesus told a wealthy person, "If you want to be complete,  
go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and  
you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."  
(Matthew 19.21)

"There were no needy ones among them, because those  
who owned lands or houses would sell their property,  
bring the proceeds from the sales, and lay them at the  
apostles' feet for distribution to anyone who had need."  
(Acts 4.34-35)

We see generosity extolled throughout scripture. In  
fact, giving sacrifices of meat, grain, fruit, and coin were  
important elements of worship in ancient times.

National Public Radio asks us for money all the time. They  
need it to provide the programming so many people enjoy.  
Social Services agencies ask us for money to help them  
serve their communities. Children's hospitals ask for money  
to help them search for cures. Even political candidates  
ask for money to help them run for office and influence the  
direction of government.

Well, guess what, churches ask for money, too. And, for  
the same reasons: to fund the ministries that are meant to  
bring hope and joy to people's lives.

At Sunshine Cathedral we ask you for time, talent, and  
treasure (throw in testimony while you're at it). That is, we  
ask you to attend worship, volunteer for a ministry or a  
project, give money consistently, and tell people about us.

And, we ask you to go above and beyond. We ask you to  
make donations of non-perishable food items so we can  
feed people in need. We ask you to offer prayers for those  
on our prayer list. We ask you to support various projects  
such as our broadcasting and social justice initiatives. We  
even ask you to give a bit extra at Thanksgiving, Christmas  
and Easter.

We use the gifts lovingly given to make happen all that we  
do. But how much is enough?

Well, we'll never ask "enough" because there will always  
be needs, so we will always ask. But don't get annoyed by  
the asking...we tell you (and show you) what we do with  
the gifts, and even when money is tight, we somehow make  
miracles happen.

### Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

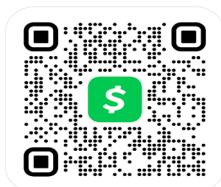
#### Financial Data Snapshot: 24 September

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$12,043.96
Generosity Income Received	\$6,634.96
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$5,409.00)
Per Capita Giving	\$15.97
SC Square Worship Services	313
SC Global Fellowship	188,264
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	5,900
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	766

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

Any questions email:  
[Robert@SunshineCathedral.net](mailto:Robert@SunshineCathedral.net)

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### IMMEDIATE HELP WANTED

#### Stipend Position

We need someone to serve as the cleaner for the  
MacArto Center & Courtyard Restroom  
Very part time. Monday – Friday at 6AM - 7:30AM

Specific cleaning products are required and will be  
provided.

Interested parties should contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin  
([robert@sunshinecathedral.org](mailto:robert@sunshinecathedral.org)).

And, we know that not everyone can give a fortune, and not everyone can support every single initiative. So, what's enough to give?

In the end, you must determine what your heart is telling you to give. Never give your rent money, but we hope you will give generously and consistently.

Traditionally, churches asked for a percentage of your net income to support the church (usually 10%). But even 5% plus volunteer hours could make a huge difference if everyone did it. If that seems out of range, one could begin with 2.5% or 3%, and increase it over time. What's important is that we give because we want to and because sharing with something good gives us joy.

Now, after our primary commitment (whatever we give regularly to the church for ministry), we can give "above and beyond" to the projects that make our hearts sing. Food sharing, the streaming broadcast to continue to reach people all over the world, the Pillar Society (remembering Sunshine Cathedral in one's estate planning), extra gifts during holidays, and/or buying tickets or volunteering to usher for our many shows via the Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts are just some "above and beyond" opportunities that can make a big difference.

We know that some can give to everything, but many can only give to some things. Give what you can to the ministries you can. The most important one is the tithe/pledge/offering to support ministry in general, after that, whatever you can do above and beyond is helpful, but we'll never ask you to do more than you can, and we never want you to give with fear or resentment.

How much is enough for you to share? That's something only your heart and your bank account can answer; just know that whatever you give with love is appreciated and used to make lives better, locally and globally. Thank you for all you give, all you do, and thank you for daring to be who you are.

**FIRST IMPRESSION READY** - We have a lot going on at Sunshine Cathedral Square and we sometimes have trouble keeping up with all the demands and needs. So, we need you help to remain First Impression Ready. What do we mean by that? Simply, if you see something that needs our attention, please tell us first. How do you do that? Just send an email to Pastor Robert. Just inform him what you've noticed and he'll address the issue. Thank you.

**ANNUAL FALL HARVEST CAMPAIGN** – This is the season we put aside money for our Fall Harvest Campaign. Our goal is for every member and friend of Sunshine Cathedral to give \$99 above and beyond their normal gifts on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. By putting aside as little as a dollar a day, we can easily reach that goal. The Harvest Campaign is an easy way to help our ministries thrive. Please join us in committing to giving an extra \$99 in the Fall, and we can start preparing for that right now.

**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 GOD SQUAD** – is a topical panel show produced by Happening Out and featuring Sunshine Cathedral ministers. Watch it daily on the social media and streaming venues where you watch other Sunshine Cathedral programming. When you see it, post it on your social media and tag others. We want to get our message out far and wide. You can do the same with our Sunday services... post and tag. We are trying to reach the world with truly good news.

**JOIN THE BLUE VEST TEAM** - Sunshine Cathedral Performing Arts Volunteers -- volunteers will be getting Blue Vests.

We are in need of volunteers to help with Onsite Ticket Sells, Ticket Scanners, Concession Helpers, Greeters, Reset Team, Parking Attendants, VIP Area Host, Tech Assistance (Lights, Sounds, Video). A wonderful perk to volunteering, you get to see a great show! This could an important new area of ministry for those looking to get involved or looking for a new ministry to participate in. To volunteer please contact Pastor Robert - [Robert@SunshineCathedral.org](mailto:Robert@SunshineCathedral.org)

**JOIN THE RED VEST TEAM** - Sunday morning Worship Volunteers are needed - If you would like to give a little extra time on Sunday by volunteering as a Greeter or User, and yes, get a Red Vest, please contact Peggy Brereton at [peggybrereton@gmail.com](mailto:peggybrereton@gmail.com) or Michael Karban at [mkarban1@aol.com](mailto:mkarban1@aol.com)

**JOIN THE GREEN TEAM** - The Garden Team is asking all who can to join them on Saturday, 21 October for a major Grounds Cleanup of Sunshine Cathedral Square- no experience necessary, OJT provided. Clean up starts at 8 AM. Focus clean up areas will be the Prayer Garden, Fence Line, and the Sanctuary. We need a group of 25 to make this happen and help to keep our Square First Impression Ready. Please contact Ron or Bob at [rcouture2@hotmail.com](mailto:rcouture2@hotmail.com) or Pastor Robert.

### **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

*October 1: Goddard Neville (1905 – 1972)* – Neville was born in Barbados and moved to the US in 1922. He was a writer and public speaker. He wrote, "An awakened imagination works with a purpose. It creates and conserves the desirable, and transforms or destroys the undesirable." He was mentored by a mystic known as "Abdullah" and provided psychological insights into religious themes and texts.

*October 2: Guardian Angels* - Feast first kept by the Franciscan order in 1500. It was a local feast until it was added to the Church calendar in 1607. More than three and a half centuries later, Pope John 23rd wrote, "We must remember how admirable was the intention of divine Providence in entrusting to the angels the mission of watching over all [hu]mankind, and over individual human

beings, lest they should fall victims to the grave dangers which they encounter." In the 18th century, Pope Pius 6th wrote this prayer: "O Angel of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supernal clemency, enlighten, protect, defend, and govern me. Amen."

**October 4: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)**—Friar and founder of the Franciscan order. Born into a wealthy family, he sought glory as a young knight, but instead ended up seriously ill and in prison. Encounters with beggars and lepers touched him deeply. He is known for loving animals, hugging lepers, and praying for peace. Some historians note that Francis was called "Mother" by some of his friends. He had a vision of the Holy Trinity and in his vision the Trinity was female. He allowed a woman to enter his all-male cloister and he called her "Brother Jacoba." His partner in ministry was a woman, Clare. And some believe he had a male companion whom he loved dearly.

**October 6: Myrtle Fillmore (1845 – 1931)** – Myrtle contracted tuberculosis at a young age and spent many years experiencing herself to be chronically frail. She attended a lecture by metaphysician E.B. Weeks in 1886 and learned of the efficacy of affirmative prayer. She started declaring for herself, "I am a child of God, and therefore I do not inherit sickness." In time, she found herself to be the picture of health. She was so excited about the discovery of the power of affirmative prayer that she started working with others with healing needs. She and her husband Charles went on to found the Silent Unity prayer ministry (and Unity School of Christianity and Unity Village, all of which are still in operation today). At the age of 86, Myrtle made her transition from this experience of life to the next on October 6, 1931.

**Troy Perry, founder of Metropolitan Community Churches (1968)**—Anniversary of the first service held by Troy Perry, a former Pentecostal minister from Florida (b. July 27, 1940) who had been thrown out of his church for being gay. Troy knew that his experience was not unusual and he felt called by God to start a church where LGBT people would be welcome. He held the first service in his living room near Los Angeles. Twelve people joined him for the first service of what became MCC of Los Angeles, the Founding Church of the Metropolitan Community Churches movement.

**October 7: Ss. Sergius and Bacchus (d. 290)**—Martyrs in death and lovers in life. These two saints were tortured for refusing to compromise their faith by making a sacrifice to Jupiter. They were officers in the Roman army and they were also a couple. After their arrest they were paraded through the streets in women's clothing, which was meant to humiliate them. Bacchus died first and came to Sergius in a vision, telling him not to lose heart because they would soon be together for eternity. They later became patron saints of the Byzantine army, and are still honored among certain Arab nomads. Some gay people consider them to be patron saints of same-gender love.



## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

As we prepare to launch our 15th Season of the Performing Arts Series, October 2023 - April 2024, with over 25 performances, we invite you to consider becoming a member of the Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts Guild. You can find a list of currently scheduled shows, and more are being added, at [SunshineCathedral.org](http://SunshineCathedral.org) and select Performing Arts.

**Sunshine Circle** - \$25.00 – Name appears in program book.

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1 Season Pass for all shows. Accesses to Pre-Show Gatherings, when applicable. VIP Seating, which includes drinks. VIP Reserved Parking. Name listed in program. Full Page ad 4.5" wide x 7.5" high

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**Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts  
2023 - 2024 Performances**

**Community Concert Benefiting Broward House**  
Sunday, 1 October - 6PM  
Members of the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida  
Members of the South Florida Pride Bands

**Muse Duo: Collin Holloway & Luke Benedict**  
Saturday, 14 October - 8PM

**Judy Gold, Comedian**  
Saturday, 21 October - 8PM

**Phil Hinton & Jazz Band**  
Friday, 27 October - 8PM

*The Belters* featuring **Nicolas King & Seith Sikes**  
**Hosted by Genvas – Venetian Arts Society**  
Saturday, 28 Oct - 8PM

**Lesbian Thespians presents** *Cloudburst*  
Sunday, 12 November - 4PM

**The 701 Club with Sister Helen Holy**  
**Elenor Roseafelt as Musical Director (18+)**  
Saturday, 18 November - 8PM

**Anthony Nunziata, Vocalist**  
Saturday, 9 December - 8PM

**Varla Jean Merman's Stand by Your Drag (18+)**  
Saturday, 3 January - 8PM

**Duo Formosa**  
**Catherine Lan, Concert Pianist**  
**Huifang Chen, Violinist**  
Saturday, 6 January - 8PM

**Tributes**  
**Joe Posa as Joan Rivers & Seith Sikes (18+)**  
Saturday, 13 January - 8PM

**Emmanuel Vass, UK Pianist**  
**Hosted by Genvas – Venetian Arts Society**  
Thursday, 18 January - 7PM

**Tom Goss – Musical Concert**  
Friday, 19 January - 8PM

**Ross Mathews, Comedian**  
Saturday, 20 January - 8PM

**Alex Roitman Tango Ensemble**  
Sunday, 21 January - 6PM

**Christopher Hamblin - *Here in the South***  
Friday, 26 January - 8PM

**Alexander Zenoz and the *Birds of Paradise***  
**Hosted by ArtsUnited**  
Saturday, 27 January - 8PM

**Latrice Royale (18+)**  
Saturday, 10 February - 8PM

**Mark Hayes, Musical Concert**  
Sunday, 11 February - 6PM

**Matt Alber, Musical Concert**  
Friday, 16 February - 8PM

**Miss Richfield, 1981 in *Bad Advice* (18+)**  
Saturday, 17 February - 8PM

**R&B Meets Pop, then Opera - Hosted by ArtsUnited**  
Friday, 23 February - 8PM

**Anne Steele – Musical Concert**  
Saturday, 24 February

**Hued Song**  
Sunday, 25 February at 6PM

**Caroline Rhea, Comedian**  
Saturday, 2 March - 8PM

**An Evening with Levi Kreis - Hosted by ArtsUnited**  
Saturday, 16 March - 8PM

**Amy Armstrong – Musical Concert**  
Saturday, 23 March - 8PM

**Hued Song**  
March: TBA

**Renegade Music & Concerts presents ...And Scene!**  
Friday, 19 April - 8PM

**David Maiocco - Liberace Tribute Show**  
Saturday, 27 April - 8PM

**Anastasiya Naplekova & Lindsay Garritson**  
**Concert for Ukraine Relief Efforts**  
Sunday, 5 May - 7PM

**Master Chorale of South Florida**  
*Considering Matthew Shepard*  
Friday, May 31 & June 1

**Dana Goldberg - TBA**

# A COMMUNITY CONCERT BENEFITING BROWARD HOUSE AS THEY CONTINUE TO REBUILD



Members of the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida  
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**ALL TICKET PURCHASES ARE MATCHED AND DONATED  
TO BROWARD HOUSE**

Sunshine Cathedral  
Center For Performing Arts  
1480 Sw 9th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, Fl

Sunday,  
October 1, 2023  
At 6pm

# Food Sharing Ministry Expansion Drive

Thanks to a very generous donor and member of the Sunshine Cathedral, for the month of October, we are launching a \$25,000.00 Match Drive for the Food Sharing Ministry.

Funds raised will go directly toward expanding food storage capacity for our Food Sharing Ministry and in return allow two significant opportunities:

1. Assist more individuals that experience Food Insecurities.
2. Allow our Food Sharing Ministry an opportunity to purchase food items in bulk at a lower fee.

Our Food Sharing Ministry, in its 7th year, includes three areas:

**Loaves and Fishes:** is the Sunday morning food collection of non-perishable food items used to replenish our Food Pantries. Loaves and Fishes food collection is held on the first Sunday of every month and special food collections also occur during Lent and Advent.

**Brown Bag:** provides small bags of food to various locations and organizations around Broward County. The Brown Bag is either a lunch bag or snack bag depending on the needs of the recipient. Approximately 450 – 550 Brown Bags are assembled every Wednesday.

**Food Pantry:** provides a grocery bag of pantry staples, bread, pastries, fresh produce, meat, milk, and other food (and non-food) items to those living with food insecurity in our local community. The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 10:45am until approximately 12:30pm and assists over 300 individuals each week. No documentation is required in order to receive food.

## Project Overview:

\$55,622.35 - Estimated Project Cost (Container purchase, permits, install and electrical)

(\$15,270.00) - Already raised via personal donations and grants

\$40,352.35 = To complete the project (-/+)

So, with the generous donated match, we need your help to move this project to the next step. No donation is too small or large.

For question regarding the Food Sharing Ministry, please contact Rev Dr Anne Atwell - [Anne@SunshineCathedral.org](mailto:Anne@SunshineCathedral.org)

For question regarding donating, please contact Rev Dr Robert Griffin - [Robert@SunshineCathedral.org](mailto:Robert@SunshineCathedral.org)

If using a check – please make payable to the Sunshine Cathedral Foundation – Note Section: Food Container  
Or using the link located at [SunshineCathedral.org](http://SunshineCathedral.org), select Give and scroll down to 'Support Our Food Sharing Ministry' and click the image.

Thank you so much for your support!



## **Sunshine Cathedral Church Affiliates**

*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  
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Sunshine Social Services - SunServe  
Social Justice Ministry Advisory Team  
Sunshine Cathedral Foundation  
Wellness Ministry  
Worship Ministry*

## **Sunshine Cathedral Partnership**

*American Red Cross | South Florida Region  
BOLD Justice  
Broward House  
Broward Women's Chorus  
Campbell's Company  
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)  
Publix  
The Residences at Equality Park  
SAGE  
Salvation Army - Fort Lauderdale Chapter  
South Florida Hunger Coalition  
TLC Little Free Pantry  
Unlimited Healthcare  
Williamsburg Landing (ALF)  
Women in Distress*

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## **Sunshine Cathedral**

Two Sunday morning services  
9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST)  
Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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