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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Guess Who Still Hasn't Shown Up for Dinner

July 16th 2023

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome

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

Announcement Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Please rise as you are able.

Introit God Who Fills the Universe (Singing the Living Traditon)

God who fills the universe from the atom to the stars, make firm my changeful heart so I may do my part and bring joy to all the earth.

God who webs the universe with amazing mysteries, Make glad my fragile soul so I can see life whole and bring hope to all on earth.

God who keeps the universe by the truths of living love, Make strong that love in me so I can set it free and bring peace to all on earth.

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 - Deacon Lydya Chapman

Processional Hymn When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river upholds me each day, when sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, 'It is well, it is well with my soul.'

It is well...with my soul...it is well, it is well with my soul.

My fear – O, the bliss of this glorious thought – my fear not in part, but the whole – is vanquished and now I will bear it no more: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well...with my soul...it is well, it is well with my soul.

O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear, even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well...with my soul...it is well, it is well with my soul.

Opening Prayer (by Ernest Holmes) Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: Let us pray in unison:

All: Perfect God within me, Perfect life within me, which is God, come forth into expression through me as that which I Am: lead me ever in the paths of perfection and cause me to see only the Good. Amen.

Prophetic Witness

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.

Please be seated.

Sunshine Cathedral Clarion Call Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

Sung Response 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.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of Ralph N. Helverson Rev Kevin Tisdol

We have religion when we hold some hope beyond the present, some self-respect beyond our failures.

We have religion when our hearts are capable of leaping up at beauty, when our nerves are edged by some dream in the heart.

We have religion when we have an abiding gratitude for all that we have received.

We have religion when we look upon people with all their failings and still find in them good...

We have religion when we have done all that we can, and then in confidence entrust ourselves to the life that is larger than ourselves.

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

Please rise as you are able.

A Late Witness (2 Peter 3.1-10, 17-18)

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord spoken through your apostles. First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!" They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the godless.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved..., and the earth and everything that is done on it will be consumed. You therefore, beloved, since you are forewarned, beware that you are not carried away with the error of the lawless and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Christ, to whom be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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

Song of Response

When All the Peoples on This Earth (STLT)

When all the peoples on this earth know deep inside their precious worth, when every single soul is free, we'll earn the name Humanity.

Please be seated.

The AnthemBy Dolly Parton - Performed by Jessica Borbone

Homily Rev Dr Durrell Watkins Guess Who Still Hasn't Shown Up for Dinner

Altar Call and Anointing

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Til The Storm Passes By

In the dark of the midnight, I have oft hid my face, while the storms howl above me, and there's no hiding place;

'Mid the crash of the thunder precious One, hear m

'Mid the crash of the thunder, precious One, hear my cry, keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times someone told me, there is no need to try, for there's no end of sorrow, there's no hope by and by. But I know God is with me, and tomorrow I'll rise where the storms never darken the skies.

'Til the storm passes over, 'til the thunder sounds no more, 'til the clouds roll forever from the sky, Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of your hand; keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Come and Go with Me (STJ)

Come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land where I'm bound (where I'm bound).

Come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.

There'll be freedom in that land, there'll be freedom in that land, there'll be freedom in that land where I'm bound (where I'm bound).

There'll be freedom in that land, there'll be freedom in that land, there'll be freedom in that land where l'm bound.

There'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land where I'm bound (where I'm bound).

There'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land, there'll be justice in that land where I'm bound.

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings) Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

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

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music

Nocturne in c-Sharp minor by Frédéric Chopin Performed by Jihong Park-Adams

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a gift, O God, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first fruits give. Amen.

Sacrament of Hospitality

We Remember

 Ralf Kuehnert
 07/17/1992
 Greg Culicetto
 07/18/2006

 John Crihfield
 07/17/2003
 Francis Cianflone
 07/20/2003

 Joseph Scali
 07/18/2005
 Fred Erb
 07/22/2001

 Ken Smyth
 07/18/2005
 Russel Sebright
 07/22/2006

Rainbow Candle Lit Today

In Memory of Rev Dr Steve Pieters by The Sunshine Cathedral Staff

Eucharistic Intentions

Deacon Michael Karban

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

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well. May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.

Intercessions

Rev Kevin Tisdol

One:

Let us make space within us to hold those who are hurting, those who are afraid, those who grieve, those who suffer injustice.

Let us make space within us to hold the LGBTQ+ community, refugees, the very young and the elderly, and those who face the horrors of war.

Let us make space within us to hold those who seek healing, who dare to summon hope, who need help, encouragement, or renewed peace.

We wish all of these and all who are dear to us the best that Life can offer, 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.

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 Dr Robert Griffin

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

Be Still

Be still and know that I'm with you Be still and know that I am here Be still and know that I'm with you Be still, be still, and know

When darkness comes upon you And colors you with fear and shame Be still and know that I'm with you

And I will say your name
If terror falls upon your bed
And sleep no longer comes
Remember all the words I said
Be still, be still, and know

And when you go through the valley And the shadow comes down from the hill If morning never comes to be Be still, be still, be still

If you forget the way to go And lose where you came from If no one is standing beside you

Be still and know I am
Be still and know that I'm with you
Be still and know I am

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacon Michael Karban

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 Love Train

Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity!

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 9 July

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$12.043.96 Generosity Income Received \$20,708.03 \$8,664.07 Our Abundance and/or (Need) Per Capita Givina \$18.00 276 SC Square Worship Services SC Global Fellowship 197,002 People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) 5,900 Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 868 Detailed information located at

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Orion and family; Marie; William; Esther (of blessed memory); INTA Congress in July; all who work for peace and justice; those who are incarcerated; The people of Ukraine; Drag performers; Trans and non-binary youth; Natie; DonnaChristine;

Olivia; Christina; Beverly; SDB; Iian; SCW; TRW; TL; Heather; Tristen; Lewis family; Maxine; Victor; Steve M.; Harvey; Teri's mom (of blessed memory); Teri; MR; Raymont A.; Bary; Ren's mom; MLF; Anita; Mama Tullo;

Craig H.; Ken B.; Kyle; CJB; Steve P. (of blessed memory); Lynne; Nancy (of blessed memory); Troy & Phillip; Don E.; 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 for the following:

We hold these dear ones in the light of divine love. We affirm blessings for each of them. We give thanks for grace equal to every need. We believe in and expect miracles. 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

THE INTERNATIONAL NEW THOUGHT ALLIANCE is holding its annual congress right here at Sunshine Cathedral this week. New Thought, as many of us know, is a philosophy that embraces the allegories of scripture and myth, the discoveries of psychology and science, and the wonder and empowerment of considering God as an omnipresence that includes us fully.

New Thought philosophy has been part of the Sunshine Cathedral vibe for decades. Divine omnipresence, our innate goodness, the power of thoughts and attitudes, the ability to change thinking and attitudes, and the hope of not only influencing conditions in life but also of experiencing peace and joy long before the conditions change, are the gifts of New Thought philosophy.

The International New Thought Alliance will be offering lectures, workshops, and prayer right here from July 17 through July 20. A banquet and a cabaret will be part of the week's fun. Evening sessions are open (offerings are taken), but to enjoy day and evening sessions and the banquet, you'll need to register for the event and you can do that at NewThoughtAlliance.org

We can use this special week as a time of spiritual renewal.

POTLUCK SUPPER – Come to the Social Hall at 6 pm, Wednesday, July 19 for Church Potluck. Bring something, grab and seat, and dig in.

HOLY HUMP DAY AT SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL – we are offering Wednesday evening programming from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

- +1st Wednesday of each month there will be a wine pairing. For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin.
- +The 2nd Wednesday of each month we will have Bible & Beer... ask Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins ANY question...it can be religious, theological, biblical, moral... Bible & Beer in the Social Hall.
- +The 3rd Wednesday of each month we will offer Pot Luck. Bring a dish, grab a seat, and enjoy table fellowship with others who are doing the same.
- +The 4th Wednesday of each month will be movie night where we join Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (somewhere) for a movie.

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.

DOING SO MUCH AND SO MUCH MORE TO DO – Sunshine Cathedral is a missional community. Our performing arts series reaches thousands of people, bringing them together in small and large gatherings for experiences of joy and connection. Our food sharing program feeds up to 800 people every week. Our midweek

gatherings are small to midsize groups that come together for connection, for learning (Beer & Bible), for table fellowship (potluck), and for entertainment (movie night).

Our presence on social media engages thousands of people weekly, and our livestreamed services reach tens of thousands of people every week. We also have The Queer God Squad broadcast, one of our newest outreach programs.

Our Clarion Call raises awareness about important issues and calls us to action. Special services such as Advent bible study, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday, a weekly newsletter, direct email communication, space sharing with recovery groups and community organizations, daily care for seniors, a final resting place for the departed, a 7 day per week prayer ministry, cooperation with over 40 local, national, and international organizations, and of course, weekly worship are some of the ways that we reach out far and wide to let people know they are loved, they have sacred value, and we are each "God's miracle and not God's mistake."

Your support of Sunshine Cathedral makes these missional activities possible. Thank you for your support. Thank you for believing in the mission. Thank you for being a bright light to the world.

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

July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite, Saint Simon Stock.

July 18: Nancy Ledins (1932 – 2017) – a Roman Catholic priest who had gender confirmation surgery in 1979, making her both a woman priest and a transgender priest in the Catholic Church! She didn't try to continue her priestly ministry after her transition, but later in life did volunteer ministry at a Baptist church (American Baptist).

July 20: St. Wilgefortis – a noblewoman who was a devout Christian, Wilgefortis' father betrothed her to a non-Christian king. One night she prayed to be spared from the marriage and the next morning she woke to discover she had a full beard. The king canceled the wedding, and her father, furious, had Wilgefortis crucified. Her cult can be traced to the 1300s, but images of a crucified bearded woman (or a man in woman's dress) from the 11th century have been found. Wilgefortis was removed from the official roster of Catholic saints in 1969 but remains popular in some regions. She is considered a "folk saint." Wilgefortis is embraced by some who self-identify as transgender, gender queer, gender non-conforming, or intersex because the story of Wilgefortis challenges to gender binary norms.

Tammy Faye - (Tamara {Tammy} Faye Messner née LaValley, formerly Bakker, March 7, 1942 – July 20, 2007) - was an American religious figure, singer, author, and television personality known for her glamorous style and affable personality. She initially gained notoriety for her work with The PTL Club, a religious television program she co-founded in 1974 with her husband, Pentecostal minister Jim Bakker.

Jim Bakker was imprisoned for fraud and conspiracy in 1989. Tammy Fave divorced Bakker in 1992 and married Roe Messner. She was diagnosed with colon cancer in 1996, with which she struggled off and on for years before dying in 2007.

At a time when Evangelical and Pentecostal evangelists were openly antagonistic toward Queer people. Tammy Fave was known for being supportive of LGBTQ+ persons and compassionate toward people living with HIV/AIDS. Tammy Faye made history in the 1980s by being very kind and pastoral to Rev. Steve Pieters, a gay minister living with AIDS, as she interviewed him on her television program.

July 21: Albert Luthuli (1898-1967)—Zulu chief, Nobel laureate. An important early leader in the struggle against apartheid, Luthuli was a Zulu chief raised in a Christian home. He became a principle leader in the African National Congress, and was frequently imprisoned for leading strikes and boycotts, and burning his passbook. In 1960 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The driving force in his work was his personal faith in God and belief that, despite how things looked in South Africa, justice would one day prevail.

July 22: St. Mary Magdalene — "Apostle to the Apostles." Mary of Magdala (near Capernaum) was one of a group of women who traveled and worked with Jesus. The Gospels report Jesus healed her by casting out seven evil spirits. Her life was forever changed, and she followed him all the way to the cross, even when the men had fled in fear. She has long been the subject of sacred art and literature. and been an important model for the leadership and role of women in the church. She reminds us that there were many women leaders among Jesus' first followers. Despite later myths, there is nothing in the bible to indicate she had been a prostitute.

HAVE A BLESSED week ahead

2023 Performances

Play: Gospel According to Jesus The Lesbian Thespians- Friday, 11 August

Marie Schwartz, Flutist - Sunday, 3 September

Organ and Piano Concert Barbara Ramcharitar and Jihong Park-Adams Saturday, 23 September

Muse Duo: Collin Holloway & Luke Benedict Saturday, 14 October

Judy Gold, Comedian - Saturday, 21 October

Phil Hinton & Jazz Band - Friday, 27 October

The 701 Club with Sister Helen Holy (18+) Saturday, 18 November

Anthony Nunziata, Vocalist - Saturday, 9 December

2024 Performances

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

Tributes (18+) Joe Posa as Joan Rivers and Seith Sikes Saturday, 13 January

Emmanuel Vass, UK Pianist - Thursday, 18 January

Hosted by Genvas - Venetian Arts Society

Tom Goss - Friday, 19 January

Ross Mathews - Saturday, 20 January

Alex Roitman Tango Ensemble - Sunday, 21 January

Christopher Hamblin - "Here in the South" Friday, 26 January

Performance by Arts United - Saturday, 27 January

Varla Jean Merman (18+) - Saturday, 3 February

Latrice Royale (18+) - Saturday, 10 February

Mark Hayes - Sunday, 11 February

Matt Alber - Friday, 16 February

Miss Richfield, 1981 (18+) - Saturday, 17 February

Performance by Arts United - Friday, 23 February

Anne Steele - Saturday, 24 February

Caroline Rhea - Saturday, 2 March

Performance by Arts United - Saturday, 16 March

Amy Armstrong - Saturday, 23 March

Anastasiya Naplekova and Lindsay Garritson Sunday, 5 May

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

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