Welcome Home To Your . . .



Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All. A Positive Worship Experience Today's Theme What Is the Message of the Cross? July 23rd 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 O Sacred Head Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame bowed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorn, thy only crown: how art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

Now from Thy cheeks has vanished their color once so fair; From Thy red lips is banished the splendor that was there. Grim death, with cruel rigor, hath robbed Thee of Thy life; Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength in this sad strife.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? Let me be thine forever. And, should I fainting be, oh, let me never, never, outlive my love to thee.

Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: We come together this morning to remind one another to rest for a moment on the forming edge of our lives, to resist the headlong tumble into the next moment, until we claim for ourselves awareness and gratitude, taking the time to look into one another's faces and see there communion: the reflection of our own eyes. This house of laugher and silence, memory and hope, is hallowed by our presence together.

All: 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 Kahlil Gibran Rev Kevin Tisdol

Humanity looks upon Jesus the Nazarene as a poor-born who suffered misery and humiliation with all of the weak. And He is pitied, for...all that Humanity offers to him is crying and wailing and lamentation. For centuries Humanity has been worshiping weakness in the person of the Savior. The Nazarene was not weak! He was strong and is strong! But the people refuse to heed the true meaning of strength.

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

Please rise as you are able.

A Message from St. Paul (1 Corinthians 1.18-25) Rev Marian Cavagnaro

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside."

Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?

For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. Jewish leaders demand signs and Greek philosophers look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some and foolishness to others, but to those who are called, those from Jewish or Greek backgrounds, Christ is the power and wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

Song of Response

There's Something About That Name (AAHH)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!

Teacher, Healer, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain;

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

Realms and Rulers will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

Please be seated.

The Anthem Bridge Over Troubled Water Composed by Paul Simon - Arr by Daryl McKenzie Performed by Gabe Salazar

Homily Rev Dr Durrell Watkins What Is the Message of the Cross?

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 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 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 (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 measure of a life is not its duration, but its donation." Rev. Peter Marshall

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music

Toccata by Richard Purvis Performed by Barbara Ramcharitar

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			The Lord's Supper	Rev Marian Cavagnaro	
We Remember			One: On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a Passover meal with his closest companions.		
John Thomas 07/23/2	07/23/2002 Mark Fravel 07/23/2006 Willie Carter 07/24/1996 Steve Shadgett	07/24/1996 07/24/2006 07/26/1994	He compared sharing bread to being a body where many parts work together within and as a whole.		
Dave Freeland 07/24/1			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.		
Rainbow Candle Lit Today In Memory of Ken Brotz The Sunshine Cathedral Staff			All: We remember. We share. We give thanks. We summon hope. We are one. Amen.		
			Invitation to Communion	Rev Kevin Tisdol	
			One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.		
Eucharistic Intentions 9AM – Rev. Marian Cavagnaro 10:30 – Rev. Lynda Pantoja			Communion is Shared		
		Communion S	Song Be Still		
One: We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral's local and global congregations.			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		
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 One:			When darkness comes upon you And colors you with fear and shame Be still and know that I'm with you		
Let us make space within us to hold those who are hurting, those who are afraid, those who grieve, those who suffer injustice.			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		
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.			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		
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,		If you forget the way to go And lose where you came from If no one is standing beside you			
All: May peace prevail on earth.					
One: And so it is that we now continue our prayers as Jesus modeled		Be still and know I am Be still and know that I'm with you Be still and know I am			
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		Prayer of Thanksgiving	9AM – Rev. Marian Cavagnaro 10:30 – Rev. Lynda Pantoja		
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.				Please rise as you are able.	
Please be seated.					
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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: 16 July

Weekly Generosity Income Needed Generosity Income Received	\$12,043.96 \$12,913.78
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$869.82
Per Capita Giving	\$16.25
SC Square Worship Services	289
SC Global Fellowship	162,279
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	5,900
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	0
Detailed information located a SunshineCathedral.org	at

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Sunshine Cathedral



SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Victor; Steve M.; Harvey; Teri's mom (of blessed memory); Teri; MR; Ren's mom; Mama Tullo; Orion and family; Christina; Olivia; Beverly; SDB; Iian; SCW; TRW; TL; Heather; Tristen; Maxine;

Craig H.; Kyle; CJB; Steve P. (of blessed memory); Lynne; Nancy (of blessed memory); MLF; Anita; Raymont A.; Bary; DonnaChristine; Maureen;

Ken B. (of blessed memory); Jennifer & Janet; A.M.; Grace; Crystal (of blessed memory); MM; Kevin & Kelli; Melissa & Carol; Lewis family; Linda & Kim; Lenae; SD & KW; "mom & dad"; Marion; Ken (of blessed memory);

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; 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:

Trusting in a Higher Power, I affirm blessings for each of these committed to the care of our prayers. We are forever loved and divinely embraced. We are all part of a glorious Whole; we are each individualized expressions of a loving, omnipresent Life. May each person now experience peace and joy. Let miracles abound. 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

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 (canceled for July).

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.

Celebration of Life Services

Ken Brotz - There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Ken Brotz at Sunshine Cathedral on Thursday, 27 July at 1PM.

Rev Nancy Davis - There will be a Celebration of Life for Rev Nancy Davis at Sunshine Cathedral on Saturday, 5 August at 11AM.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July 24: Max Ballard (1914 – 1998) – youngest person to be ordained by Nona Brooks. Ballard pioneered churches in Colorado and Missouri and led a church in D.C. until his demise.

July 25: Apostle James the Greater (d. 44) – one of Jesus' apostles.

St. Christopher (d. 251) - Patron of travelers. a Canaanite convert and a "giant" (7.5 feet tall), the legend of Christopher says he used his size to help pilgrims cross a dangerous river. One day he carried a toddler who identified himself to Christopher as Jesus (and then disappeared). Christopher was eventually martyred for his faith. "Christopher" means "Christ bearer."

July 26: St. Anne (50 BCE-12 CE) - According to Christian and Muslim traditions, Anne was the mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus.

July 28: Frederick J. Eikerenkoetter II "Rev. Ike" (1935 - 2009) - a prosperity preacher who taught that health, wealth, good luck, harmonious relationships, and protection from adversaries could all be achieved and experienced by those who practiced his system of metaphysics. His seminary taught the "Science of Living" and his business institute was the home of "Thinkonomics." His church was a large, remodeled theatre in Washington Heights (NYC) and he believed that combining affirmative prayer with generous giving could result in an empowered, joyous, and even opulent life. Rev. Ike taught. "Acknowledge the God in you and ask for guidance" and "Your mind will work what seems like miracles to accomplish the good purpose you give it." He used such affirmations as "Nothing is too good for me" and "Good health is my divine right." He liked the bible verse, "According to your faith shall it be done to you."

He called his teaching "mind power", "self-awareness", and "self-image psychology."

July 29: William Wilberforce (1759-1833) — Abolitionist. The life of Wilberforce proved that a politician can also be moral and heroic. Born to a wealthy and influential family, he experienced an evangelical conversion shortly after entering Parliament, where he worked for overseas missions and education. As a member of the House of Commons he supported political and social reforms, most especially his long and persistent fight against slavery and the slave-trade. Slavery was finally abolished in the British empire just weeks before his death. Seven hundred thousand slaves were freed. He was buried in Westminster Abbey as a national hero.

July 30: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany—Jesus' family of choice. The stories of this household from Bethany (a village right outside Jerusalem) are found in the gospels of Luke and John. They are portrayed as close friends and disciples of Jesus, and are remembered for their hospitality. Martha has come to symbolize the active response to faith, those who get things done, and Mary that of the contemplative. When Lazarus died, Jesus stood at his grave and openly wept. While they are described as brothers and sisters, it has been suggested that Mary and Martha may have actually been a couple who called each other 'sisters' in order to pass in society. They are important for modern gay and lesbian people of faith because they represent Jesus' family of choice ---two unmarried women, and an unmarried man. Like many of us today, Jesus defined his family by intentional covenant, rather than biological or legal relatedness.

July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)—Founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). Many modern liberation theologies (in which gay and feminist theologies are rooted) have come from Latin American Jesuits.

St. Joseph of Arimathea – is said to have provided the burial tomb for Jesus.



Join us for Coffee Hour every Sunday between services in the Social Hall.

2023 Performances

The Music for America String Orchestra Concert Saturday, 29 July

New River Orchestra Concert - Sunday, 30 July

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

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