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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Communion with the Divine

July 30th 2023

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Minister of Connections

Announcement Rev Kevin Tisdol, Minister of Education

Please rise as you are able.

Introit

*God Who Fills the Universe
(Singing the Living Tradition)*

*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 Rev Kevin Tisdol

*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

Processional Hymn *Praise to the Living God*

*Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the
worlds in flight;*

*Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.*

*Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,
Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint
seeds of life;*

*Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's
goal, Till humankind stood on the earth, as living, think-
ing souls.*

*Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain.
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and
profane.*

*God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward
still.*

*Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but who we know as
love.*

*In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of
life.*

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of the Sufi Poet Hafiz

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Cloak yourself in a thousand ways; still shall I know
you, my Beloved.

Veil yourself with every enchantment and yet I shall feel
you, Presence most dear, close and intimate...

I shall surely see you in tumbling clouds, in brightly
embroidered meadows.

O Beloved Presence, more beautiful than all the stars
together,

I trace your face in ivy that climbs in clusters of grapes,
in morning flaming the mountains, in the clear arch of sky.

You gladden the whole earth and make every heart
great.

You are the breathing of the world.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from the Psalter (Psalm 105.1-8)

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Give thanks to our God, proclaim God's greatness; tell
the nations what God has done.

Sing praise to God; tell the wonderful things God has
done.

Be glad that we belong to God; let all who worship God
rejoice.

Go to our God for help; and worship continually.

Remember the miracles that God performed [in our
sacred history].

The Eternal is our God...God will keep the covenant
forever, divine promises last for a thousand generations.

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

Thanks be to God

Song of Response

*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!*

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Beautiful
By Carole King
Performed by Jessica Borbone

Homily

Rev Marian Cavagnaro
Communion with the Divine

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 Kevin Tisdol

Stewardship Thought

"There must be giving as well as receiving, in order
to maintain a perfect balance." Ernest Holmes

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and every giver. Amen.

Offering Music

Sicilienne Op. 78
by Gabriel Faure
Performed by David Suarez

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

Richard Marion	07/30/1991	Bo Bowman	08/02/1992
Alberto Pombo	07/30/1996	Felix Rickey	08/02/1992
Jerry Weingart	07/30/1999	Veralyne Williams	08/02/2014
Gary Drury	07/31/1994	Andrew Lewis	08/02/2015
Jeffrey Quimby	08/01/1993	Ronald Lehrke	08/03/1997
Jody Natalucchia	08/01/1993	John Reyes	08/04/2017
Patricia Kron	08/01/2012	Barbara Toller	08/05/1995
Joe Henry	08/02/1990	Steve Palmer	08/05/2001

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Kurt Krieger

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 Marian Cavagnaro

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.*

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Rev Anne Atwell

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

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

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Noisy Offering

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 Anne Atwell

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!*

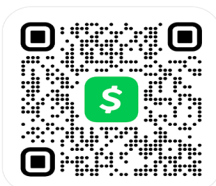
Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 23 July

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$12,043.96
Generosity Income Received	\$10,840.11
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$1,203.85)
Per Capita Giving	\$21.31
SC Square Worship Services	269
SC Global Fellowship	193,194
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	5,900
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	0

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Victor; Steve M.; Harvey; Teri's mom (of blessed memory); MR; Olivia; Beverly; Iian (of blessed memory); SCW; TRW; Heather; Tristen;

Craig H.; Kyle; CJB; Steve P. (of blessed memory); Lynne; Nancy (of blessed memory); MLF; Anita; TL; Raymont A.; Bary; DonnaChristine; Maureen; Teri; Ren's mom; Mama Tullo; Orion and family; Christina; Maxine; SDB;

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

Elaine; Christina; Gordon; WL; Susan S.; Logan and family; Craig H.; Diana N.;

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..

*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

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

August 2nd – Wine Pairing with Pizza

August 9th – Beer & Bible (bible lesson, Q&A, & beverages)

August 16th – Potluck

August 23rd – Movie night (more info TBA)

August 30th – No program

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.

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY – First Sunday of every month (next Sunday) you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to help stock our food sharing pantry. This is one of the ways we combat food insecurity.

PROPHETIC CHALLENGES

"When politicians and preachers, neighbors or relatives, are sharing uninformed opinions about transgender people, it is our duty to educate ourselves and then to gently correct people who are spreading false information." Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins, Clarion Call (July 16, 2023)

"More than 525 anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been introduced in 41 states this year alone, and more than 75 have become law. The Human Rights Campaign says that we are in a state of emergency." Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins, Clarion Call (July 9, 2023)

"Spirit of abundant life and justice-love - give us courage to face the frailties and missteps of our history, and the wisdom to do better and to be better going forward... May our country be blessed, and may that blessing include healing in these tumultuous and uncertain times. May that blessing include us embracing our humanity, and never denying the humanity of our neighbors...Amen." (July 2, 2023)

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

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Divine Grandeur – a Reflection by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins (Senior Minister):

God, you are All; how in my present form and understanding can I adequately grasp "all"?

I can, however, know and trust that I am part of the "All" and that all that you are is available to me.

In your presence I am guided, guarded, and continually blessed. And so it is that I am very thankful!

As Bahauallah wrote: "Far be it from [God's] glory that human tongue should adequately recount [God's] praise, or that human heart comprehend [God's] fathomless mystery."

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

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.

August 1: Kuan Yin – The Buddhist Bodhisattva of Compassion. She has been known both as a female deity and as a male figure (known as Avalokiteshvara, the Lord of Enlightenment). Because of her identification with compassion and her gender fluidity, Queer religious scholars have seen her as a Queer Christ/Queer Buddha figure, a symbol of enlightenment and compassion for and within the Queer community.

August 2: Malinda Cramer (1844 – 1906) – former Quaker, New Thought Teacher and the original founder of the Divine Science Church. After decades of infirmity, she prayed, "Is there a power in the vast universe that can heal me?" The answer was an enlightening experience whereby she realized God as Omnipresence and all life as part of that Presence. Knowing herself to be one with God, she knew that health and happiness were her natural inheritance. Her health began to improve and she founded Divine Science movement. She once said, "Healing is taking place all the time and we know it is God who is doing the work."

August 3: Lydia – mentioned in the Book of Acts. Leader of a women's group. No husband mentioned. Seems to have been an independent business woman. Queer scholars tend to see her as possibly lesbian.

August 4: Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) - Missionary doctor and Nobel laureate. A person of many talents and interests, Schweitzer earned doctorates in theology, philosophy, and medicine. He was a noted organist and interpreter of the music of J. S. Bach. His Quest for the Historical Jesus had a radical effect on how scholars approached the life of Christ. His work as a medical missionary founding his own hospital in Africa led to receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952.

St. Dominic (1170-1221) – founder of the Order of Preachers (aka Dominicans).

Herman Adrian Spruit (1911 – 1994) - was born in Germany to a family of Dutch ancestry. His father had been Dutch Old Catholic but converted to Methodism. At age seventeen, Spruit immigrated to the United States (Los Angeles). Spruit became a Methodist pastor and served in that role for 2 decades but after studying Theosophy and esoteric Christianity, he believed these mystical teachings with the high ritual from his Old Catholic childhood could blend into a Christian experience that allowed for diversity, inclusion, freedom of conscience, and mystical experience. Spruit was eventually consecrated a bishop in 1957 by a bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church. Soon after, Spruit founded the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch which was a manifestation of his progressive view of Christian community.



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

2023 Performances

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 Florida
Considering Matthew Shepard
Friday, May 31 & June 1

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Women in Distress*

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