# Welcome Home To Your . . .



Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

How Do We Respond to Angry Bible Writers?

August  $6^{th}$  2023

All Are Welcome!



# Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Minister of Connections

#### **Announcements**

Rev Kevin Tisdol, Minister of Education

#### 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 Rev Dr Anne Atwell

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

Dear Mother-Father of Us All

Dear Mother-Father of us all, forgive our foolish ways. Reclothe us in our rightful min, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Word, let us, like them, our faith restored, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love.

With that deep hush subduing all our words and works that drown the tender whisper of they call, as noiseless let thy blessing fall as feel thy manna down.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

#### Please be seated.

# **Service of Proclamation**

The Book of Jude Rev Marion Cavagnaro

Greetings from Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James.

To those who have been chosen...and have been kept safe in Jesus Christ.

Mercy, peace, and love be yours more and more.

Dear friends, I wanted very much to write to you about the liberation we all share together. But I felt the need to write to you about something else: I want to encourage you to fight hard for the faith that God gave us. God gave this faith once, and it is good for all time. Some people have secretly entered your group. These people have already been judged guilty for what they are doing. Long ago the prophets wrote about them. They are against God. They have used the grace of our God in the wrong way—to do harmful things. They refuse to follow the way of Jesus the Anointed.

I want to help you remember some things you already know: Remember that God saved our ancestors by bringing them out of the land of Egypt. But later, unbelievers were punished.

And remember the angels who lost their authority to rule. They left their proper home. So God has kept them in darkness...to be judged on the great day.

...It is the same way with these people who have entered your group. They are guided by fantasies. They make themselves dirty with harmful attitudes. They...say bad things against good people. Not even the archangel Michael did this. Michael argued with the devil about who would have the body of Moses. But Michael did not dare to condemn even the devil for his false accusations. Instead, Michael said, "God rebuke you!"

These people fight against goodness; they are like Cain or Balaam, going the wrong way.

These people are like dirty spots among you—they bring shame to you in the special meals you share together. They eat with you and have no respect. They take care of only themselves. They are like clouds without rain. The wind blows them around. They are like trees that have no fruit at harvest time and are pulled out of the ground...Like the dirty foam on the wild waves in the sea, everyone can see the ugly things they do...

These people always complain and find wrong in others...They boast about themselves. The only reason they say good things about others is to get what they want.

 $\dots$  These are the people who divide you. They are not spiritual  $\dots$ 

But you, dear friends, use your most holy faith to build yourselves up even stronger. Pray with the help of the holy Spirit. Keep yourselves safe in God's love, as you wait on the Lord Jesus...

Help those who have doubts. Rescue those who are living in danger...

There are others you should treat with mercy, but don't let them drag you down.

God is strong and can keep you from falling. God can glorify you and give you great joy. It is God who makes us whole and free. To God be glory, greatness, power, and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord for all time past, now, and forever.

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

# Song of Response

Three-fold Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

The Anthem

On the Sunny Side of the Street
Music by Jimmy cHugh
Lyrics by Dorothy Fields
Performed by: Aaron Ball

**Homily** Rev Dr Anne Atwell How Do We Respond to Angry Bible Writers?

# **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 by Maria Theresia von Paradis Performed by Laura Gonzalez

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

 David Wallace
 08/08/1993
 Leroy Lawhorn
 08/10/2011

 Judith Rose Aquilina
 08/09/1980
 Grace Tedder
 08/10/2020

 Franklin Beitelschies
 08/09/1986
 Ray Tryall
 08/11/2007

 Carlos Hernandez
 08/09/1998
 Captain Bill Corbett
 08/12/1990

 Scotty Scott
 08/10/2002
 08/10/2002

## **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 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.

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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

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

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 Kurt Krieger

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** 

Dr Jihong Adams-Park

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

# Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 30July

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$12,043.96 Generosity Income Received \$7,976.70 (\$4,067.17)Our Abundance and/or (Need) Per Capita Givina \$17.51 211 SC Square Worship Services SC Global Fellowship 189,682 People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) 5,900 Food Sharing Ministry - 7/12 & 7/19 1.624 Detailed information located at

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# SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

# WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

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

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

Rob L.; 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

Knowing that there is a Power that is omnipresent and that seeks to joyfully express in and through our lives, we confidently affirm blessings for all who have been committed to the care of our prayers. May each and all be happy and well. 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

August 9th – Beer & Bible (bible lesson, Q&A, and beverages) 6 pm

August 16th – Potluck 6 pm

August 23rd - Movie night (more info TBA) 6 pm

August 30th – No program

# **PROPHETIC CHALLENGE**

"...while once we asked how can we possibly prevail over catastrophe, now we assert how could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?

We will not...be turned around or interrupted by INTIMIDATION because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next GENERATION, our blunders become their BURDEN.

But one thing is CERTAIN:

if we merge mercy with MIGHT and MIGHT with RIGHT, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's BIRTHRIGHT.

...we will rebuild, reconcile, and recover in every known nook of our nation;

in every corner called our country our people diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful,

when the day comes we step out of the SHADE aflame and UNAFRAID,

the new dawn blooms as we free IT, for there is always light if only we're brave enough to see IT, if only we're brave enough to be IT." – Amanda Gorman

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.

AUGUST IS BIBLE CRASH COURSE MONTH – each Sunday in August we'll learn the major themes of entire books of the bible! Learn a bible book in a 16 minute homily?! It can be done and it will be throughout the month of August.

August 6 – The New Testament Book of Jude

August 13 – The Book of Ecclesiastes (Hebrew Bible)

August 20 – Song of Songs (the sexy bible book!)

August 27 – The Book of Job

**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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## **SUNSHINE 2024 TRAVEL FUNDRAISER**

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12 Days from \$1299 || September 14, 2024 || Unpack Once Staying In Fairytale Seefeld-In-Tirol || Munich Oktoberfest Gay Days || Day Trips To 5 Countries of Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Italy, and Switzerland || Escorted || Most Meals || Only 46 seats available. Go to www.HappeningOut. Travel/Oktoberfest

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August 6: W. John Murray (1865 – 1925) – Murray had been a Roman Catholic priest before being attracted to metaphysics. He studied with Emma Curtis Hopkins and was ordained by Nona Brooks into the ministry of Divine Science. In 1906 he started the Church of the Healing Christ in NYC. His successor was Emmet Fox. He was so successful as a spiritual healer, he once got in trouble with the authorities for "practicing medicine without a license."

August 8: Delores Berry (1951 – 2017) – an African American, lesbian, singing evangelist. Rev. Berry was committed to inclusive language, was a humorous story teller, and a loving friend to People Living with AIDS when the AIDS crisis hit. Rev. Berry said, "It was always clear in my heart that God created me as a Lesbian."

August 9: Blessed Edith Stein (1891-1942)—Carmelite martyr. Raised in an Orthodox Jewish home, Edith devoted herself to philosophy and declared herself an atheist. After reading the writings of St. Teresa of Avila she was baptized as a Catholic. She continued to attend synagogue with her mother each week. Her academic reputation grew as she taught in universities, but with Hitler's rise to power she lost her position and entered a Carmelite convent. She was taken to Auschwitz, where she cared for abandoned children — "Pietà with the Christ" she was called.

August 11: St. Clare (1193-1253)—Abbess at Assisi. At the age of 18 Clare heard a sermon by St. Francis that changed her life. A beautiful woman from a wealthy family, she determined to turn her back on the social station offered her. She founded an order that embraced poverty and service. As she lay on her deathbed she was visited by the countless lay and clergy who had been touched by her humility and kindness, including the Pope.



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

#### From the Senior Minister's Pen

THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-CARE (by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins) – Robert and I are finishing up a European cruise that has been heavenly. We've prayed in multiple churches, visited castle ruins, enjoyed beautiful scenery and vistas, gone to bed early most nights and even treated ourselves to a few naps. Good food, long walks, and shipboard entertainment have added to the experience. Laughing with friends, old and new, has been a healing balm.

We made a pilgrimage to the Church of St. Hildegard of Bingen where her relics are laid to rest, and the time of contemplative prayer that we had there was transformative. Robert compared it to an energy vortex! We'll soon conclude our vacation in Amsterdam (which will include Pride celebrations).

Why share this with you? Because I want to make sure that you are taking care of yourselves. This church needs you. This community needs you. This world needs you. So, please, take care of yourself.

In addition to your diet and exercise plans, your medical care, and your spiritual practices, remember to take a vacation or two every year.

Whether it's a staycay at home, a camping trip, a cruise, or a retreat at an Ashram or Monastery, time to rest and renew is essential.

In November, Sunshine Cathedral is taking a 3 continent cruise that will include sacred sites; perhaps that could be part of your self-care plan. Another cruise to the Caribbean will be offered in February. One or both trips will be fun and also will be a chance to recharge body, mind, and spirit. I hope to see you next Sunday. I expect to be feeling great and to be filled with enthusiasm and joy...that's what some time to recharge can do. Make recharging a priority, because self-care really is very important.

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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