

Welcome Home To Your . . .



*Your Local & Global
Queer Church Community for All.*

*A Positive Worship Experience
Today's Theme – Inclusion*

*Sunday, September 3rd, 2023
Have a Safe Labor Day Weekend*

All Are Welcome!

Service of Gathering

Welcome – Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister & Rev Dr Robert Griffin, Executive Minister

Announcements - Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Minister of Connections

Introit – *O God Beyond All Praising*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end.'

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

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 - 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.

Sometimes we build a barrier to keep love tightly bound. Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear, denying the beauty we've found.

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A bright new day is dawning when love will not divide. Reflections of grace in ev'ry embrace, fulfilling the vision divine.

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We are standing on the side of love.

Opening Prayer (by Paramahansa Yogananda, adapted)
Minister of the Altar – Rev Kurt Krieger

One: Let us pray in unison:

All: Holy One, make our souls your temple! Make our hearts your altar! Make our love your home! 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

Sung Response – For Everyone Born

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*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!*

Service of Proclamation

Revelation (22.17b)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

All who will, come and drink, Drink freely of the Water of Life!

In these human words, God voice is heard.

Thanks be to God.

The Wisdom of Abdu'l-Baha'

The diversity in the human family should be the cause of love and harmony, as it is in music where many different notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord.

In these human words, God voice is heard.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A reading from The Core Principles of Progressive Christianity (ProgressiveChristianity.org)

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean that we are Christians who –

1. Believe that following the way and teachings of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life – even as we recognize that the spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.
2. Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perception, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, class, or ability.
3. Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe.
4. Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the earth and its integrity and sustainability.
5. Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.

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Thanks be to God.

Anthem – *I See Stars* – Words by Nell Benjamin | Music by Jeff Richmond
Performed by Jessica Borbone

Homily – *Inclusion* – Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister
(*Progressive Values 1 & 2*)

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer Chorus - *I Know I Can (Singing the Journey)*

*Though days be dark with storms – and burdens weigh my heart –
though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.*

*When sorrow heals my soul and burdens make me strong,
though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.*

*My sister in my heart, my brother in my song,
though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.*

*And though the journey is long, the destination is near,
though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.*

*So brothers take my hand and sisters sing my song,
when hope awaits at every turn, I know we will go on.*

Pastoral Prayer & Prayer Affirmations

Sharing the Sign of Peace

Song of Response - Lean on Me

Some times 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

Volunteer Appreciation

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Prayer

Linda Edin, Secretary, Sunshine Cathedral Board of Directors

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.*

Offertory Music – *The Heart of Worship* | By Matt Redman | Arranged by Alex Zsolt

Performed by Dr Jihong Adams-Parks

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.*

Service of Hospitality

We Remember

Carl Greenamoyer 09/04/2003 -- David Duncan 09/04/2013
Evelyn Alameda 09/05/1996 -- Martin Davis 09/05/2005
Richard Langhorne 09/05/2018 -- Carl Bean 09/07/2021
Lettie McNeill 09/09/1999 -- Walt Lawrence 09/09/2021

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 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 Dr Robert Griffin

Invitation to Communion

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 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 Durrell Watkins

Final Song - Love Train

Commissioning

One: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude - Barbara Ramcharitar

Silent Helpers

Prayer Ministry

You can hear a prayer at any time by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6)

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Craig H.; Kyle; CJB; Steve P. (of blessed memory); Nancy (of blessed memory); TL; Maureen; Teri; Ren's mom; Mama Tullo; Christina; Maxine; SDB; Orion and family; Ken B. (of blessed memory); Jennifer & Janet; A.M.; Grace; Crystal (of blessed memory); Kevin & Kelli; Melissa & Carol; Linda & Kim; Lenae; SD & KW; "mom & dad"; DonnaChristine; Lynne; Elaine; Christina;

Gordon; WL; Susan S.; Logan and family; Craig H.; Diana N.; MLF; Anita; Rob L.; WPR; Colleen; EH; Roxanne; David; Noah; Bruce; Marcelo; Jim; Rosemary; Raymont A.; Bary; MDR; John S.; Lewis family; Beverly; Alice M.; RG; Renaldo; Aaron; Virginia; Bill; Angel & family;

Brian; Mark; Bill & NTP; 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; 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... *Indwelling God, your light of love shines within each of these and we trust that love to comfort, strengthen, invigorate, inspire, and encourage one and all. May all for whom we pray receive the blessings they need most. Amen.*

Sunshine Cathedral SunBurst New

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE: 60th Anniversary of the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing

New Era Masonic Lodge No. 69 PHO and Sunshine Cathedral Presents - "The bomb that shook a nation!" A family movie and conversation commemorating the 60th anniversary of the 16th street Baptist church bombing. Church bombing survivor, Mr. Earl Davis as guest speaker. Also showing Spikes Lee "4 Little Girls" |Friday, September 15, 2023 at 7PM.
Community partners: New Era Masonic Lodge |Sunshine Cathedral |African American Research Library Faith & Love Empowerment Center | Ujima Men's Collective

SAVE THE DATE: Sunshine Cathedral Foundation presents a Seminar on Estate Planning & Legacy Giving. Saturday, September 30th beginning at 10AM. Registration | RSVP information will be available soon.

SUPPORT LIVE BROADCASTING - In COVID, live-streaming became our primary means for reaching individuals with our Sunshine Cathedral Worship Services. Post COVID, it remains an important means of sharing the Good News that so many need. It's how we connect with people all over the world. We have grown our global reach because we Livestream our weekly worship service and other select programming.

This month is our Sunshine Cathedral Live Broadcast Fundraising Drive Month. Please consider making a donation to support our broadcasting ministry so we may continue this outreach which is desperately needed both locally and globally. Our Sunday Broadcast is made possible by Happening Out Television Network. Happening Out programming can be viewed on YouTube, Facebook, Roku, Apple TV, and Android TV.

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 and select Performing Arts.

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

Sunshine Sponsor - \$50.00 – Congratulatory message to SC Center for the Performing Arts

Sunshine Bronze - \$150.00 – Vertical or Horizontal business card ad 3.5"x2" or 2"x3.5"

Sunshine Silver - \$200.00 – Half Page ad 4.5" wide x 3/75" high

Sunshine Benefactor - \$400.00 – Full Page ad 4.5" wide x 7.5" high

Sunshine Gold - \$1,200.00 – Individual

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

Platinum \$3,600.00 - Corporate

4 VIP Tickets for all shows. Accesses to Pre-Show Gatherings, when applicable.

VIP Seating. VIP Reserved Parking. Name listed in program. Organization/Business Ad in Pre-Show Video

Sponsors are listed in all electronic Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts Marketing. 2 Full Page ad 4.5" wide x 7.5" high

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.

LOAVES & FISHES – The first Sunday of each month is Loaves & Fishes Sunday. We ask people on that Sunday to bring non-perishable food items to help us stock our food pantry. Thank you for helping us combat food insecurity in our community.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September 3: Samuel Checote (d. 1884)—Creek Chief and preacher. Checote was born in present-day Alabama and attended mission schools as a child. After the Creek nation was forced to move west of the Mississippi tensions led to the banning of Christian preaching. Checote refused to abandon his faith and interceded with the chief to lift the ban. A Creek Methodist district was established. Checote became a lay preacher, and worked to have the bible and many hymns translated into Creek. He was elected chief three times, and worked tirelessly to overcome racial and cultural differences.

September 5: Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) — Founder of the Missionaries of Charity. As a simple nun from Albania, Teresa felt a special calling to care for the poorest of the poor. She left her convent and took on a simple white sari with blue borders and went to Calcutta, looking for Jesus among the sick and homeless. She founded the Missionaries of Charity, who care especially for the destitute and dying. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

September 7: Carl Bean - founding archbishop of the Unity Fellowship Church Movement, a faith movement in the African American LGBTQ community. Bean was an early AIDS activist and Motown singer in the '70s. He died Sept. 7, 2021 at age 77 after a long illness.

September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Lady Mary

Genevieve Behrend (1881 – 1960) – writer and lecturer. In her life she met Mary Baker Eddy and Abdul Baha (the son of the founder of the Baha'i Faith). She also studied with Thomas Troward for two years (the only individual/ personal student he ever had). She taught “mental science” which included the use of “visualization.” Her best-known book is *Your Invisible Power*. She said, “Do not fear to be your true self, for everything you want, wants you.”

Irwin Gregg (1904 – 1982) – author of *The Divine Science Way*. Gregg succeeded Nona Brooks as the Dean of the Colorado College of Divine Science (later known as Brooks Divinity School). In 1957 he was one of the founders of the Divine Science Federation (still operating today).

Weekly Abundance Snapshot: August 21 – 27, 2023

Our Weekly Need: \$12,043.96

Income Available for Ministry: \$6,460.16

Our (Unclaimed)/Abundance: (\$5,583.80)

SC Square Worship Services: 289

SC Global Fellowship: 193,132

People at SC Square (Weekly Avg): 6,000

Food Sharing Ministry: Total Reached: 744

Remember

Join us for Coffee Hour every Sunday between services in the Social Hall.
Great opportunity for Coffee, Conversation and Connections.

Next Church Potluck

Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Sunshine Cathedral Performing Arts

For more information and tickets
visit SunshineCathedral.org

2023 Performances

Marie Schwartz, Flutist
Sunday, 3 September

Organ & Piano Concert
Barbara Ramcharitar & Jihong Park-Adams
Saturday, 23 September (Admission Free)

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
Elenor Roseafelt as Musical Director
(18+)
Saturday, 18 November

Anthony Nunziata, Vocalist
Saturday, 9 December

2024 Performances

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

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

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

Emmanuel Vass, UK Pianist
Hosted by Genvas – Venetian Arts Society
Thursday, 18 January

Tom Goss – Musical Concert
Friday, 19 January

Ross Mathews, Comedian
Saturday, 20 January

Alex Roitman Tango Ensemble
Sunday, 21 January

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

Alexander Zenoz and the Birds of Paradise
Hosted by ArtsUnited
Saturday, 27 January

Latrice Royale (18+)
Saturday, 10 February

Mark Hayes, Musical Concert
Sunday, 11 February

Matt Alber, Musical Concert
Friday, 16 February

Miss Richfield, 1981 in Bad Advice
(18+)
Saturday, 17 February

R&B Meets Pop, then Opera
Hosted by ArtsUnited
Friday, 23 February

Anne Steele – Musical Concert
Saturday, 24 February

Caroline Rhea, Comedian
Saturday, 2 March

An Evening with Levi Kreis
Hosted by ArtsUnited
Saturday, 16 March

Amy Armstrong – Musical Concert
Saturday, 23 March

Anastasiya Naplekova & Lindsay Garritson
Concert for Ukraine Relief Efforts
Sunday, 5 May

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



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A



SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION
SEMINAR ON
ESTATE PLANNING & LEGACY GIVING

Saturday, September 30th
10AM - 11:30AM

Sunshine Cathedral Center for Worship
and the Arts
1480 SW 9th Avenue | Fort Lauderdale

Streaming Live on www.sunshinecathedral.org

Informational Discussions with Sunshine Cathedral Pillars
Society, The Our Fund Foundation, PNC Private Banking, & Selzer Law

RECEPTION AND MEET & GREET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

PLEASE R.S.V.P. AT SunshineCathedral.org/Seminar or
Email to Info@SunFound.net

