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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All A Positive Worship Experience

Theme for Today: The Answer is Love

May 5, 2024

All Are Welcome!



## Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Minister of Connections

**Announcements** 

Rev Kevin Tisdol Minister of Education

Introit

O Filii Et Filiae with Alleluias

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Past are the cross, the scourge, the thorn,
the scoffing tongue, the gibe, the scorn,
and brightly breaks the eastern morn. Alleluia!

Gone are gloomy clouds of night;
the shades of death are put to flight;
and from the tomb beams heav'nly light. Alleluia!

## Please rise as you are able.

#### **Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation**

## The Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen. indeed. Alleluia!

## **Service of Praise**

Crucifer - Deacon Lydya Chapman

## **Processional Hymn**

I Love Myself the Way I Am

I love myself the way I am, there's nothing I need to change. I'll always be the perfect me, there's nothing to rearrange. I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and I love myself just the way I am.

I love you, the way you are, there's nothing you need to do. When I feel the love inside, it's easy to love you. Behind your fears, your rage and tears, I see your shining star.

and I love you just the way you are.

I love the world the way it is, 'cause I can clearly see that all the things I judge are done by people just like me. So 'til the birth of peace on earth that only love can bring, I'll help it grow by loving everything.

I love myself the way I am, and still I want to grow, but change outside can only come when deep inside I know:

I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and I love myself just the way I am.

**Opening Prayer** (Sunshine Cathedral 2024 Daily Prayer) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Let us pray in unison:

Right now, I am tapping into the universal life force. I wish for all who are suffering to find relief and hope. I deny fear any power over me. I will be a bright light in the world. I am serene and confident and full of joy. I expect blessings. Nothing is too good for me May we all be strong and wise and loving. May Love heal our world. Let there be peace. Amen.

## Service of Proclamation

The Teaching of St. Paul (1 Corinthians 13.1, 8, 13) Rev Marian Cavagnaro

If I speak without love, I am no more than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. Love never comes to an end. As it is, these remain: faith, hope and love, the three of them; and the greatest of them is love.

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

#### Please rise as you are able.

#### Gradual

Mfurahini, Haleluya

Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and sing praise, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to God with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting Christ did come to destroy.
Love always giving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

# The Gospel According to Mark (12.28-31)

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

One of the scribes asked Jesus, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?'

Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one, only sovereign, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: You must love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

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

Please be seated.

The Anthem

The Answer Is Love
By Aloe Blacc and Pharrell Williams
Performed By Aaron Ball

**Homily** Rev Kevin Tisdol The Answer is Love

**Altar Call and Anointing** 

Please rise as you are able.

**Prayer Chorus** 

I Believe in Miracles

I believe in miracles, I've seen a soul set free. Miraculous the change in one who has found liberty. I've seen a lily push its way up through the stubborn sod; O I believe in miracles for I believe in God.

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## **Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations**

Sign of Peace

Filled With Loving Kindness

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

May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.

May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.

May you be peaceful and at ease. May you be whole.

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.

## Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)
Rev Dr Anne Atwell

#### Offering Prayer

9:00 Rev Marian Cavagnaro/10:30 Rev Ed Huckemeyer

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.

Offering Music

When I Can Read My Title Clear Arr By Mark Hayes Performed By Dr Jihong Adams-Parl

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

Glorify Thy Name

O God, we love you, we worship and adore you; glorify your names in all the earth.

Glorify your names, glorify your names, glorify your names in all the earth

#### Intercessions

9:00 Rev Marian Cavagnaro/10:30 Rev Ed Huckemeyer

One: We pray, and we allow ourselves to be the answer to prayer.

For the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local congregation, for all who are on our prayer list, for our loved ones, for world and community leaders, and for our own needs, let us pray:

## **Prayer Chorus**

Bless Us All

One: And with people all over the world we pray – All: *May peace prevail on earth.* 

These prayers we offer in the names of all helpers of humanity, and in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, as we continue to pray as Jesus taught us:

## **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 kindom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please be seated.



# Sacrament of Hospitality We Remember

Patty Werdling 05/05/2020
Harry Nelson 06/06/1990
Pat Angell 05/06/1996
Jeannette Murphy 05/11/1983

#### **Eucharistic Intentions**

9:00 Rev Marian Cavagnaro/10:30 Rev Ed Huckemeyer

We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and withspecial intentions for peace, justice, and reconciliation in the world. Christ lives in story, in ritual, and in our lives as we remember Jesus at this table.

And so, with Easter gladness, let us sing together:

Let the victor's people sing, alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, Christ lives today, alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

## **The Last Supper Narrative**

Rev Dr 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 Marian Cavagnaro

One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

#### Communion is Shared

The ushers will direct you row by row to come forward for Communion. If you would like a communion kit to serve yourself communion in your seat, tell your usher. "Taste and see that God is good."

### **Communion Songs**

Laudate Dominum (2x)

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum omnes gentes, alleluia!

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Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

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8 Fold Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

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 Kevin Tisdol

#### **Final Song**

Raise You Up

## Commissioning

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

## **Postlude**

Barbara Ramcharitar



#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What's It All About?

by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins (Senior Minister, Sunshine Cathedral)

On a recent episode of the Queer God Squad, our panel discussion program on Happening Out Television Network, the clergy panel responded to the question, "What is the purpose of life?" That's an ageold question, but the answer is simpler than we tend to make it. Life is for living. Live. Live well. Make the most of the current moment. Life is made up of moments. If the present moment is beautiful, then life is beautiful. Live this moment...Purpose fulfilled.

Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote: "When we stop searching for the Great Answer, the Immortal Deed which will give our lives ongoing meaning, and instead concentrate on filling our individual days with moments that gratify us, then we will find the only possible answer to the question, 'What is life about?'...It is about loving and being loved. It is about enjoying your food and sitting in the sun rather than rushing through lunch and hurrying back to the office. It is about savoring the beauty of the moments that don't last, the sunsets... the rare moments of true human connection. It is about savoring them rather than missing out on them..."

Alan Watts put it this way: "The meaning of life is just to be alive."

The purpose of life is to live. And when we live in love, we'll enjoy more of those precious, fleeting, moments. We're here to live and to love. Let's get on with it.

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS – Anastasiya Naplekova & Lindsay Garritson, Sunday, May 5th at 7 pm. \$25. Brahms, Schubert and more.

**A PRAYER FOR 2024** by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins (Put this prayer where you will see it every day and use it throughout 2024)

Right now, I am tapping into the universal life force. I wish for all who are suffering to find relief and hope. I deny fear any power over me. I will be a bright light in the world. I am serene and confident and full of joy. I expect blessings. Nothing is too good for me. May we all be strong and wise and loving. May Love heal our world. Let there be peace. Amen.

**DELI MAC IS BACK** - Place Your Order Now for Some Ugly Sister's Deli Mac - This Mother's Day show Mom

how much you love her - get her a 1lb container of Ugly Sister's Deli Mac. Love yourself too and get another one for you alone.

Minimum donation is \$10.00 per lb. which supports the Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry. Information about pick up dates and how to order your Deli Mac can be found in your Sunburst. Order: onecentuglysis@bellsouth.net

**EASTER CONTINUES** – Eastertide lasts 7 weeks (49 days) and is followed by Pentecost.

**QUEER GOD SQUAD** - We invite you to watch the Queer God Squad. It is live Monday – Friday at 3 pm eastern, and then available ON DEMAND on all smart televisions and your favorite social media.

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 and donors who support our televised ministry. Happening Out is housed at Sunshine Cathedral Square. Happening Out programming can be viewed on all smart televisions and your favorite social media.

**STONEWALL PRIDE IN WILTON MANORS** – We are looking for 50 people to March with us on June 15 in the annual Pride event. If you want to be on the team that will be in the parade, please let us know by May 15.

## **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

May 6: Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)—Naturalist and social critic. While his writings were largely ignored in his lifetime, Thoreau's thoughts on social justice, freedom, and civil disobedience were to later influence Tolstoy, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King. A fiercely independent nonconformist, he followed no particular religion, but has been described as something of a Taoist sage. Some historians speculate that Thoreau may have been gay.

May 8: Blessed Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)—Mystic. Few details are known of the life of Dame Julian, a recluse who was famed as a spiritual counselor. She is best known for writing Revelations of Love Divine, the first book written in English by a woman. At the age of 30 she became gravely ill, but recovered following a series of visions of Christ. She spoke of God as our Creator, Protector, and Lover, and wrote of the motherhood of both God and of Jesus, emphasizing the goodness of creation and God's mercy toward the weak. She is often called "Blessed" even though she was never formally beatified.

May 10: Ida B. Elliott (1862 – 1957) – Divine Science founder Malinda Elliott Cramer's niece. Ordained by Nona Brooks (the originator of the Divine Science

# Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 28 April 2024

Weekly Generosity Income Needed \$12,043.96 Generosity Income Received \$13,943.81 Our Abundance and/or (Need) \$1,899.85 Per Capita Giving \$40.54 SC Square Worship Services 286 236,812 SC Global Fellowship People at SC Square (Weekly Avg) 6,000 Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached 939

> Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org Any questions email: Robert@SunshineCathedral.net

Donating to Sunshine Cathedral Venmo - @SunshineCathedral CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral Text to Give - Text Sunshine to 73256

**SUMMER CLUB** – To keep ministries strong throughout the summer, each year we form "the Summer Club" – there are no meetings or mascot or secret handshake; all you have to do to be part of the Summer Club is give at least one extra financial gift in May and/or June. If you give once a month normally, give an extra gift or two. If you give twice per month, again, give one extra time. If you give weekly, perhaps increase your gift for a week or two. Everyone doing a wee bit extra in the summer months is all we need to keep operations rolling smoothly in the summer.

Our 2024 Summer Club goal is \$15,000. We hope to raise this simply by people who believe in our ministry giving something above and beyond their normal giving to help us have a summer full of ministry and outreach.

To make your Summer Club contribution, you can give by Text, CashApp, Venmo, or via the website and note that it is a Summer Club donation, or you can give by check and in the memo line, write Summer Clubl.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support. -- Rev Dr Robert Griffin, Executive Minister

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! teachings in Colorado and the de facto leader of the movement after Malinda's death) in 1907. Ida wrote books of her own, had a ministry in Oakland, CA, and contributed to Mind Remakes Your World (edited by Ernest Holmes).

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER - Sunshine Cathedral has changed from Servant Keeper to a new Member Profile and Giving Platform called Realm Connect. To complete the transition, we need your help.

1. Please use this link to Request Account - https://onrealm.org/SunshineCathedral/

- 2. Select Sign Up
- 3. Complete the Request Account Form
- 4. Once you are verified, member or friend, you will receive an email inviting you to complete the next step by setting up your own password.

Once you are in your profile you will be able to:

- Verify or update your contact information any personal information.
- Relationship Status
- \*Groups Church group you have selected to join.

See note on Groups below.

- \*\*Giving If you have made any donations to Sunshine Cathedral between 1 January 31 March, your giving history will be reflected here. For the transition process, all entry for April will be entered by the end of May. You may visit your giving history at any time to ensure our records are accurate. Also, you can also print your End of Year Giving Statement without any delays. (See note below.)
- Serving Teams this section will be where information is communicated regarding team activities.

\*Groups – The list below is Sunshine Cathedral areas of ministry opportunities in need of volunteers. In order to volunteer and be added to a Group, you MUST email me, Robert@SunshineCathedral.org, to inform me of the areas in which you wish to serve. You will then be added to that group for information.

## **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY AREA OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1. Audio Visual Teams:
  - Lights Team
  - Pro Presenter Team
- 2. Center for the Performing Arts:
  - Check in Team
  - Greeter Team
  - Parking Lot Team
  - Reset Team
- 3. Español Ministry Team
- 4. Events Ministry Team
- 5. Facility Cleanup Ministry Team
- 6. Food Sharing Ministry Teams:
  - Brown Bag Team
  - Loaves and Fishes Team
  - Pantry Team

- 7. Garden Team
- 8. Global Fellowship Ministry (become an active part of the Sunshine Cathedral community no matter where one lives in the world)
- 9. Hospitality Team
- 10. Music Ministry Team:
  - Choir Ministry
  - Instrumental Ensemble
- 11. Pastoral Care & Visitation Team
- 12. Silent Helpers (Prayer Team)
- 13. Social Justice Ministry Team
- 14. Ad Hoc Committees
- 14. Wellness Ministry Team
- 15. Worship Teams:
  - Greeter Team
  - Acolyte team (crucifers, carriers of The Book, anointers, etc)
  - Lector/Reader Team
  - Usher Team
  - Eucharistic Ministers Team (serving Holy Communion)

### \*\*Giving to Sunshine Cathedral

We will no longer be accepting online donations through Easy-Tithe after Thursday, 30 May, 2024. Realm Connect is the platform we will be using.

Also, our new **Text to Donate** System is in place. Text the word SUNSHINE to 73256 (Note some have found it easier type the word SUNSHINE in the message section first, then enter the number 73256). Please use this new Text to Donate system from now going forward.

The ministry of Sunshine Cathedral depends on your generous financial support. We highly encourage all who call Sunshine Cathedral their spiritual home to sign up to become regularly RECURRING donors, at any amount.

The recurring donations, whether you are on site or are watching the televised broadcast, whether you are in the county or are away for the summer ("snowbirds") or on vacation, will really go a long way in helping to meet our weekly financial need of \$12,043.96. Even when attendance fluctuates, the costs of ministry remain steady.

We are doing a lot of ministry and we want to do even more. Your faithfulness and generosity make that possible. Please consider becoming a Sunshine Cathedral Regular Recurring Donor. Thank you.

Please take a moment to complete our online survey by using the following QR code.



## SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

#### WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Kevin & Kellie; David; Mark; Logan; Kate; Max; Hayden; Dean; Emmett; Ronnie; Byron; Steve; Walter; Bill; Gary; Jason; those mourning losses; Paul & his sister; Warren; Mama Tullo; Jean & Norma; Anita; MLF; Byron & those on his heart; Jeff R.;

Jamie; Colleen; Elaine; Courtney; Virginia; Bill; Brian; Manny; Polly; Ray; ICF; Dale B.; Susie; Doug;

Momena; Tamika; Victor; Wendy; Michelle; Pammy; George; VPR; Sylvia; Yaacov; Louise; WL; Beth; Lewis family; Victor; Jim; Hermine; Novalene;

DonnaChristine; Chris; AD; John; Jim; Kevin & Kelli; Jay; Tom; Luis' parents' Cali; Michael; Rodney; Cindy T.; Mamie-Ruth; Leona; Nkwa; all who worship with us online and their various concerns; Troy & Phillip; Don E.; those who are incarcerated; those whose lives are disrupted by war; those in nursing/assisted living care; LGBTQ+ communities; DSFI; INTA; the Sunshine Cathedral ministries, members, and friends

## 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.

## Sunshine Cathedral Daily Prayer for 2024:

"Right now, I am tapping into the universal life force. I wish for all who are suffering to find relief and hope. I deny fear any power over me. I will be a bright light in the world. I am serene and confident and full of joy. I expect blessings. Nothing is too good for me. May we all be strong and wise and loving. May Love heal our world. Let there be peace. Amen."

by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

## **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).

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Latinos Salud Medflo (ALF)

Opera Fusion

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