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Theme for Today: Like A Mother

May 12, 2024

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Robert Griffin, Executive Minister

Announcements	Rev Dr Anne Atwell Minister of Connections	Right now, I am tapping into the universal life force. I wish for all who are suffering to find relief and hope.
Introit	O Filii Et Filiae with Alleluias	I deny fear any power over me. I will be a bright light in the world. Lam serane and confident and full of joy.

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

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen. All: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Service of Praise

Crucifer - Deacon Sue Gallagher

Processional Hymn

Mary, Woman of the Promise

Mary, woman of the promise; vessel of your people's dreams: through your open, willing spirit waters of God's goodness streamed

Mary, song of holy wisdom sung before the world began: faithful to the Word within you, as you bore God's wondrous plan.

Mary, morning star of justice; mirror of the Radiant Light: in the shadows of life's journey, be a beacon for our sight.

Mary, model of compassion; wounded by your offspring's pain: when our hearts are torn by sorrow, teach us how to love again.

Mary, woman of the gospel; humble home for treasured seed: help us to be true disciples, bearing fruit in word and deed.

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.

Please be seated

Service of Proclamation

The Word of the Prophet (Isaiah 66.13a) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

[God tells us]: As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.

To these human words, may our hearts and minds be open. *Thanks be to God.*

The Wisdom of the Psalter (Psalm 123) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, Our God.

To these human words, may our hearts and minds be open. *Thanks be to God.*

Reflections on Mother Mary

(Luke 1.38, Luke 1.42, John 2.5, John 19.25, Matthew 2.11) Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Mary said to the angel, "I am the Lord's servant." Filled with the holy Spirit, Elizabeth said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the child you will bear."

The magi found the child with his mother...and they presented gifts.

Mary said to the servants at the wedding, "do whatever my son tells you."

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother.

To these human words, may our hearts and minds be open. *Thanks be to God.*

Please rise as you are able.

Gradual

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 Luke (13.34) Rev Kevin Tisdol

Jesus said: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

To these human words, may our hearts and minds be open.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Like A Mother

The Anthem	Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now
	By Marc Shaiman & Scott Wittman
	Performed By Sara Burns

Homily Rev Marian Cavagnaro

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 Robert Griffin

Offering Prayer

9:00 Rev Dr Anne Atwell/10:30 Deacon 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

Ave Maria By Franz Schubert Performed By Laura Gonzalez

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

Sacrament of Hospitality

Intercessions

9:00 Rev Dr Anne Atwell/10:30 Deacon 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:

All: We ask for divine blessings. We believe that miracles are possible. We give thanks for grace equal to every need.

One: And with people all over the world we pray -

All: May peace prevail on earth.

We Remember

Gene Kelly Judy Kiser	05/15/2007 05/15/2016	Rosemary Anderson	05/18/2015
Paul Deiters	05/12/1987	Karl Lutgens	05/15/2020
Chuck McGlynn	05/13/1991	Lou Bevacqua	05/16/2001
Woody Cooper	05/13/1995	Jane Wynn	05/15/2015
Jim Rieck	05/13/2006	Bob Zwicky	05/16/2019
Phil Coleman	05/13/2009	John Gorcyca	05/17/1998
Kevin Friel	05/14/2015	Norma Jalbert	05/18/1994
Phillip Herbert	05/15/1992	Jean Pyburn	05/18/2003
Larry Collins	05/15/1994	Betty Ann Priscak	05/18/2010

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 kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Eucharistic Intentions 9:00 Rev Dr Anne Atwell/10:30 Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special 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 Kevin Tisdol

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

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! 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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8 Fold Alleluia

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

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 Marian Cavagnaro

Raise You Up

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

Postlude

Final Song

Barbara Ramcharitar



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

God Loves You, or Something Like That by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins (Senior Minister, Sunshine Cathedral)

I'm in the God game and have dedicated my life to the God-experience, and yet, the God of my understanding is not a person in a great beyond, but rather, the very life that I know as my life, the heartbeat of the world I see, the substance of worlds that I can scarcely imagine. God isn't something apart from me, but Something I am a part of...forever.

Ultimate Reality is too big (even "big" is too small a way to describe It) for us in our physical state to comprehend, so we are left with the god of our various understandings

Ultimate Reality, the "Ground of Being" is known as we experience It, and our experience will be shaped by what we believe about It (and a belief is just a well-rehearsed opinion).

For me, God is not loving but is Love itself, not good, but all Goodness, not a being, but the Source of being.

If God for you is a loving parent figure on a high mountain - then, let me join with the others who are saying, "God loves you!" But if God (life, hope, joy, meaning, beauty, the animating spark of existence) is an experience that can't be fully explained, a presence rather than a person, a Wholeness that includes you, or a high Ideal that you hold, then let me say it this way: God is Love and exists in and is expressed through the love you share.

Don't let religious vocabularies, which are limited at best, keep you from the euphoria of feeling good enough, empowered, joyful, and vibrant.

God loves you, OR, God is love and dwells richly in and shows up as your love. Either way...Be blessed by the power of love (and happy Mothers Day).

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.

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. (robert@sunshinecathedral.org) Shirt orders must be placed before May 15 - suggested donation is \$10.00.

SUNSHINE PRIDE TEAM MEETING - Next meeting will be on Sunday, May 19, following the 10:30AM service in the Social Hall.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

May 12: J. Krishnamurti (1895 – 1986) - born in India and adopted by Theosophist Dr. Annie Besant. Dr. Besant declared that Krishnamurti would become a global teacher. In 1929, Krishnamurti began traveling for over six decades speaking to large audiences around the world (as a global teacher!) about the need for a change in humankind. Rather than promoting any particular religion, he simply spoke of our universal longing for happiness and the need to release internal anger and fear which keep that happiness from us.

May 15: Claudine Whitaker (1892 – 1970) – Episcopal deaconess who became first a Divine Science and then Religious Science minister. She founded a church in Chicago which she led from 1943 to 1969. For much of that time she taught summer courses in Divine Science.

May 16: Thomas Troward (1847-1916) – Judge (in India) and New Thought pioneer, Troward influenced such thinkers as Emmet Fox and Religious Science founder Ernest Holmes. Troward believed that "Belief in limitation is the one and only thing that causes limitation."

May 17: Blessed Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947)—Exslave and nun. Born in the African nation of Sudan, at the age of nine Bakhita was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Eventually she was bought by a family who took her back to Italy. Upon hearing the gospel she understood that God meant for her to be free. She went to court to gain her freedom, and then discovered that slavery was illegal in Italy! She was then baptized and took religious vows as a nun. She spent her life serving others, and became famous for her quiet faith.





Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot: 5 May 2024

Weekly Generosity Income Needed Generosity Income Received	\$12,043.96 \$9,224.18
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$2,819.78)
Per Capita Giving	\$22.28
SC Square Worship Services	270
SC Global Fellowship	310,992
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	6,000
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	1056
Detailed information located a SunshineCathedral.org Any questions email: Robert@SunshineCathedral.m	

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

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. April giving will be updated by the end of May. 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 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 +Audio Visual Teams:

- 1. Lights Team
- 2. Pro Presenter Team

+Center for the Performing Arts:

- 1. Check in Team
- 2. Greeter Team
- 3. Parking Lot Team
- 4. Reset Team

+Español Ministry Team

+Events Ministry Team

+Facility Cleanup Ministry Team

+Food Sharing Ministry Teams:

- 1. Brown Bag Team
- 2. Loaves and Fishes Team
- 3. Pantry Team

+Garden Team

+Global Fellowship Ministry (become an active part of the Sunshine Cathedral community no matter where one lives in the world)

+Hospitality Team

+Music Ministry Team:

1. Choir Ministry

2. Instrumental Ensemble

+Pastoral Care & Visitation Team

+Silent Helpers (Prayer Team)

+Social Justice Ministry Team

+Ad Hoc Committees

+Wellness Ministry Team

+Worship Teams:

1. Greeter Team

2. Acolyte team (crucifers, carriers of The Book, anointers, etc)

3. Lector/Reader Team

4. Usher Team

5. 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).

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.

If you have any questions in the changeover process, please contact me, Pastor Robert (robert@sunshinecathedral.org)

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



SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING ...

David; Mark; Logan; Kate; Max; Hayden; Dean; Emmett; Ronnie; Byron; Steve; Walter; Bill; Gary; Jason; those mourning losses; Jeff R.;

Paul & his sister; Warren; Mama Tullo; Jean & Norma; Anita; MLF; Byron & those on his heart; 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;

John & Ed; Chris & David (& their son of blessed memory); Marion G.; MM; 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:

Spirit of abundant life, Bless each of these with hope, peace, comfort, strength,

love, happiness, and grace equal to every need. Within each there is a great light. Let us see it now, and know it

to be shining from an infinite source of endless Good. Miracles happen. Blessings abound. We rejoice! And so it is.

Sunshine Cathedral Daily Prayer for 2024:

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by Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins

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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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