

*Welcome Home*



*Today's Theme*

**Who's in Charge?**

*Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021*

*October 2020 Began Our*

*50th Church Year Long Anniversary Celebration*

*October 1971 - 2021*

*Sunshine Cathedral Sunday Morning  
A Positive Worship Experience  
America's Queer Church for All*

**Service of Gathering**

*Welcome*

*Rev Dr Durrell Watkins & Rev Dr Robert Griffin*

*Announcements*

*Rev Dr Anne Atwell*

**Please rise as you are able.**

**Opening Affirmation**

*Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where the past is past and the future has infinite possibilities.*

**The Call to Worship**

*This is the day our God has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**Service of Praise**

*Abide with Me*

*Abide with me; the dawn of day is here;  
Darkness vanished, light is shining clear;  
Truth's glorious message makes the glad earth free;  
O holy Comforter, abide with me!*

*I need Thy presence, satisfying, pure;  
All else is changing, Thou alone art sure.  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through joy eternal, Lord, abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy Truth before my wondering sight;  
Shine in my soul, fill me with life and light;  
Heaven's morning breaks, its glory now I see;  
Thou in rich blessing dost abide in me.*

**Opening Prayer**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy names.

**Sung Response**

*Amen. Amen. Amen, amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen, amen.*

**Please be seated.**

**Service of Proclamation**

**The Wisdom of Emmet Fox**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

I am the divine spirit. In God I live, and move, and have my being. I am part of the self-expression of God, and I therefore express perfect harmony. I individualize Omniscience...I have spiritual perception. God is my Wisdom...God is my Intelligence; so I am always thinking rightly. There is no waste of time, for God is the only Doer. My work is always well done, for my work is God's work.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Please rise as you are able.**

**Sung Response**

*In the life of Omnipresence do I dwell, 'tis above, around,  
within me, all is well; life divine forever guiding all my ways,  
life divine forever filling all my days.*

**The Gospel According to Luke (6.1-5)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Now it happened that Jesus was passing through some grain fields on a Sabbath, and his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them. But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And Jesus, answering them, said, "Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him, how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?" And he was saying to them, "The Human One is Lord of the Sabbath.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: We are expressions of you, Holy One. Our hands are your hands. We are perfect ideas in divine Mind. We affirm and give thanks for our sacred value. And so it is.

**All: Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

**The Anthem**

**God With Us**

By Brian and Katie Torwalt  
Performed by Tara Sperry

**Homilies**

**Who's in Charge?**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister  
Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Minister of Connections

**Song of Response**

**Please rise as you are able.**

Bless You for the Good That's In You

*Bless you for the Good that's in you;  
bless you every day.  
There's some good in everybody;  
we're just made that way.  
Good morning, don't be miserable,  
you're not as bad as you make out.  
That frown don't sit right, get right up and shout. And shout.*

*Bless you for the Good that's in you;  
bless you every night.  
If you shine like a love-light beacon  
you'll make out all right  
If any old trouble comes around today,  
turn it around and chase it away.  
Bless you for the good that's in  
you, bless you every day  
Bless you every day!*

**Sign of Peace**

You Are My Hiding Place

*You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

*I will trust in you. Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of our God.*

*You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

**Service of Sacraments**

**Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)**

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

**Stewardship Thought**

*"...they gave freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD."  
1 Chronicles 29.9*

**Offering Prayer**

*Divine Love, through me, blesses and multiplies all that I have, all that I give, and all that I receive. Thank you, God. Amen.*

**Offering Music**

**Love Will Stand When All Else Falls**

By David Bryan Joe DiPietro  
Performed By Sara Burns

**Doxology**

**Rise as you are able.**

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a gift, O God, from thee.*

## **Sacrament of Hospitality**

### **Eucharistic Intentions**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

#### **We Remember**

Paul Wade	01/31/1992	Carl Jennings	02/03/2019
Chuck Eastman	01/31/2002	Ben Ansley	02/04/1991
Anthony Borroni	01/31/2019	Richard Carlone	02/04/2006
Jeff Mecasky	02/01/1990	Edward Poniken	02/05/1993
Bill Camerino	02/01/1996	Becky Bedell	02/05/2007
Al Mendez	02/01/1999	Joe Doviak	02/05/2016
Fred Hallock	02/01/2003	"Fluffy" Lindroth	02/06/1987
Tony Villante	02/02/2010	Ken Harris	02/06/1995

#### **Rainbow Candle Lit Today**

In Memory and Honor  
of all  
Sunshine Cathedral Members and Friends  
Affected or Infected by COVID-19

by  
The Sunshine Cathedral Staff

#### **Intercessions**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Prayer of Divine Mercy

*Loving Creator, we remember the wisdom and love,  
Peace and integrity of your blessed anointed one – our  
Lord Jesus Christ  
Who taught of your love for us and also the whole world*

*For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon  
us and on the whole world.  
For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon  
us and on the whole world.  
For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon  
us and on the whole world.*

*Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One  
Give blessings to us and to the whole world.  
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Give blessings to us and to the whole world.*

One: Mother-Father God, we affirm blessings for all who are on the Cathedral's prayer list and for all who are on our hearts. We trust you to lead, guide, and direct each of us in the ways of happiness, well-being, and right action. We pray for those who hold authority in the nations of the world that they may be guided by wisdom and motivated by a love of justice and peace. We pray for our departed loved ones, (+) let light perpetual shine upon them. And with people all over the world we pray –

**All: May peace prevail on earth.**

We offer these prayers in the name of the Galilean prophet who taught us to pray as we now sing:

#### **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 Durrell Watkins

One: This do in memory of me; eat now this broken bread.  
This is my life from death set free here on my table spread.

This do in memory of me; drink now this cup I said. This  
shows my love for all to see, here on my table spread.

**All: We praise your living memory, remembering all  
you said. Your words and life have set us free, here  
through your table spread.**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Communion is Shared**



**Final Communion Song**

*For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table*

*For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.*

*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.*

*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.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

**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**

**Final Song**

Higher Love

**Comissioning**

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

**Postlude**

Barbara Ramcharitar



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**SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY**

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

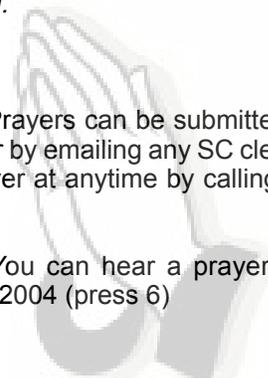
**Centering Thought:**

"When we bless pain, we take the worst hurt out of it...blessing pain changes it. Often it stops the pain completely...Sometimes blessing gives an idea of the right thing to do to take care of whatever is causing the pain. Sometimes blessing relaxes us...Sometimes pain is only a warning and blessing it helps us understand the warning." ~ Mary Katherine MacDougall

**We pray for the following:** Mona; Bob W.; Shawna; Carol W.; PJ; MLF; Anita; Amanda; Ann; Champion; Melody; CJ; Margarita; Lynda; Vickie (of blessed memory); Stan; Julie; Amy; Nancy; Alice; Mary; Barbara F. & family; Kirby (of blessed memory); DonnaChristine; Maralee;MonaLisa; Colin T.; Sue's parents; Joe B.; Kamala H.; Leo F.; Buddy's mom & sister; Pete; William B.; Max; Davis; medical practitioners; those who have tested positive for COVID19; children detained at the U.S. border; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral;

**LET US PRAY**

*Indwelling God,  
We see pain all around us.  
The pain some are feeling is loneliness.  
The pain some feel is fear.  
The pain some feel is regret.  
The pain some feel is physical discomfort.  
In your names, with your love, through your grace,  
we now bless the pain.  
We bless it so that it may ease,  
so that those who are in pain will feel better,  
will have the blessing of joy returned to them,  
will expect and accept Life's abundant gifts.  
God in us, with us all, we trust you now to grant every person we hold in prayer whatever they need to feel happy and whole.  
Thank you, God.  
Amen.*



**REMEMBER:** Prayers can be submitted via Sunshine Cathedral.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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# SunBurst News

**GIVING STATEMENTS** – 2020 Giving Statements will be individually emailed. We are using this method as a means to save on financial resources and we are aware that the U S Postal service can be delayed. If you have not received your Giving Statement for 2020 by Friday, 5 February, please contact Rev Dr Robert Griffin at Robert@SunshineCathedral.net

**THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER** – so Sunshine Cathedral will continue to ask that you reserve your seat at Sunshinecathedral.org if you wish to worship onsite, and we insist that you wear a mask at all times while you are here. We can remain faithful and stay safe at the same time.

**LOAVES & FISHES** – Remember, the first Sunday of every month is Loaves & Fishes Sunday. Bring non-perishable food items to stock our food pantry which helps relieve food insecurity in the larger community. We'll gladly receive your non-perishable food donations next week, February 7.

**BOLD JUSTICE** – Please join Reverend Doctor Durrell Watkins along with Mary Federation, Reverend Ren Bell, and Steve Manich for a quick zoom call to learn more about the Bold Justice Nehemiah Action. The call is February 3rd from 7-8pm. We have been working for years gathering research on mental illness, the homeless situation, youth and adult arrests for minor offenses or for simply being poor. This is going on in Broward county and we need to be part of the solution. We have had multiple meetings with our elected officials and they are listening to us. There is great power in numbers so please join us. This call, and the Nehemiah Action call, will be conducted over zoom and will take very little of your time while addressing some very serious issues in our county. For more information, or to get the zoom link for the Feb. 3 meeting, please contact Mary Federation (maryfed@comcast.net).

**VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER** - Chefs Jonny and Penny are doing a fundraiser for the Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry! If you've ever had their famous and very tasty "Deli Mac" you know how good it is. And if you haven't, then you're in for treat. They are hosting a Deli Mac Drive By on Saturday, February 13 here at Sunshine Cathedral from 11am – 2pm. It just might be the perfect gift for your valentine! All donations are welcome but we will give you a hint and tell you that at their former restaurant, the 11th Street Annex, it sold for about \$10.00 lb. Please reserve your Deli Mac no later than Thursday, February 11 by e-mailing Chef Penny at onecentuglysis@bellsouth.net or Chef Jonny at jbaltohell43@yahoo.com.

**DAILY SPIRITUAL PROGRAMMING** – Christians & Cocktails (Mondays, 6 pm EST Facebook live), Share in the Chair (Wednesdays, 6 pm Facebook), Sunday worship (Sundays at 10:30 am on Facebook and YouTube), and Middy Prayer (6 days per week, Mon-Sat at Noon EST on Facebook, Thursday MDP includes a brief homily). Ask about A Course in Miracles via Zoom and our community in Second Life. Also join the Sunshine Cathedral New Thought Community on Facebook for short, encouraging messages, affirmations, and prayers. Pray, study, grow with daily reflection, discussion, and prayer.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – send prayer requests to prayer@sunshinecathedral.net. You or the person you are praying for will be added to the prayer list for 4 weeks, the prayer list is shared with a team of almost 50 trained prayer chaplains, and it is published weekly (no last names or conditions named) in the Sun Burst for the entire faith community to hold in prayer. The pastoral staff meets weekly and prays for those who are on the prayer list and the board of directors includes the people on the prayer list in their monthly meeting opening prayer. For additional prayer, call 954.462.2004 x 6 to hear our "Dial-A-Prayer" (updated weekly).

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**February 2: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas)**—Today remembers the story of Jesus' parents taking him into the Temple, where he was blessed by Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:22-40). This reminds us of the Jewish law (Exodus 13:2; 22:29) that every firstborn son was to be dedicated in memory of the deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt. In some traditions candles are brought to the church on this day to be blessed.

**Madonna of Montevergine** - In the 13th century two young men in southern Italy were in love. They tried to keep their relationship secret, but one cold and gloomy winter day 11256, they were spotted holding hands and kissing on the way to Mass. A crowd (which became an angry mob) attacked them, stripped them naked, and tied them to a tree near the Shrine of the Madonna of Montevergine. Naked, cold, surrounded by snow and ice, they were left to freeze to death. According to legend, the Madonna of Montevergine was moved by the men's love for each other. She sent unexpected sunshine to warm the lovers. Soon, they were able to free themselves. Some accounts say that the couple celebrated by making love on the spot! Because of this miracle, the community allowed the men to live openly as a couple. The community was transformed into a place of tolerance toward sexual minorities. Every year on Candlemas, pilgrims to the Shrine of the Madonna include gender-bending devotees of Mary, known as "femminielli."

**February 3: St. Aelred of Rievaulx (1110-1167)**—Cistercian abbot. Aelred wrote freely of his feelings for his

friends and fellow monks. While it is not known if he had any romantic relationships, it is clear that he was strongly attracted to men. He had a very positive attitude toward creation and humanity, and was comfortable embracing his own feminine side. He developed a theology of friendship, and is today the patron saint of Integrity, a lesbian and gay organization for Episcopalians.

**February 4: Cornelius the Centurion**—The story of Cornelius is told in Acts 10-11. He was an important military leader and a deeply religious person who was interested in Judaism. His story is significant in the growth of the early church because he and his family were among the first Gentile converts, thereby opening the door for the message of Jesus to spread throughout the Roman Empire. His story is significant for gay and lesbian people because of Peter’s vision, which led him to go to Caesarea and visit this Gentile home. This vision led Peter to understand that, despite the laws of Leviticus, there was a higher law of love: “God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean.”

**February 5: St. Agatha (231 – 251)** – a Sicilian saint who was considered to be very beautiful as a young woman. She dedicated herself to a life of prayer, a “consecrated virgin.” One nobleman decided that he would persuade her to marry him. She rebuffed all his advances, and he eventually turned her in for being a Follower of the Christ Way. She was brought before a judge who just happened to be the very nobleman who turned her in for practicing her underground faith.

He offered to drop the charges if she would marry him. She refused. He sentenced her to a brothel. After being terrified in the brothel, the nobleman offered to release her if she married him. She again refused and he sentenced her to prison and to torture. She was whipped, burned, and her breasts were removed. Despite such agonizing treatment, she never agreed to marry her tormentor. One night she had a vision of St. Peter whose intercessions, she believed, helped her wounds to heal.

Eventually, however, she did die. Her intercessions are now thought to benefit women with breast cancer, nursing mothers, people who have been injured by fire, and women who have been assaulted. In art, she is often shown holding breasts on a plate.

**Prayer Garden Remembrance Brick**

The Prayer Garden with Remembrance Brick is located directly behind the Walt Lawrence & Stephen Lewis Center for Worship and the Arts.

The Prayer Garden is beautifully maintained by our wonderful volunteers that make up the Garden Team. They are generally on the campus each Saturday morning doing various work to maintain the Prayer Garden so that it is always accessible and attractive year round.

There are benches located in the Prayer Garden for those who wish to spend a little extra time.

If you would like to dedicate an engraved brick in memory of someone, or if you have any questions or would like to place an order please contact Kevin Tisdol by email at [Kevin@sunshinecathedral.net](mailto:Kevin@sunshinecathedral.net).

The donation to have an engraved brick placed in the Prayer Garden is \$100.00 per brick.

**Sunshine Cathedral Food Pantry**

**Open** every Wednesday from 11AM – ?? or by appointment

**No ID required. No income verification. No questions. No judgment.**

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Rev. Anne 954-462-2004 ext. 208

To make a donation to the Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Program, check out our website [sunshinecathedral.org](http://sunshinecathedral.org) and click on the Food Sharing tab.

**Sunshine Cathedral Financial Information**

**Donating to  
Sunshine Cathedral just got easier**

**Venmo or CashApp**

**Venmo - @SunshineCathedral**

**CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral**

**Text to Give - 954.399.7333**

**Financial Data Snapshot from 24 January**

<i>Weekly Generosity Income Needed</i>	\$10,797.56
<i>Generosity Income Received</i>	\$7,208.82
<i>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</i>	(\$3,588.74)

<i>Per Capita Giving</i>	\$35.19
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<i>Worship Services</i>	147
<i>Online Virtual Resourcing</i>	107,340

Detailed information located on the Cathedral website.

Online via GoToMeeting  
Every Monday at 1:00 PM

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Each of us mourns the death of a loved one differently. Many folks find comfort in sharing the pain, anger, depression and other emotions they feel following a loss.

You must register to attend these meetings  
Visit: [SunServe.org/OnlineGroups](http://SunServe.org/OnlineGroups)




## The Cathedral Staff

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### Executive Leadership Team

Rev. Durrell Watkins, DMin, Senior Minister  
Rev. Robert Griffin, DMin, Executive Minister  
Rev. Anne Atwell, DMin, Minister of Connections  
Rev. Kevin Tisdol, Minister of Education  
Mrs. Sara Burns, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Vocalist  
Ms. Barbara Ramcharitar, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Organist

### Artists-in-Residence

Tara Sperry, Vocalist  
Paul Phillips, Bassist  
Teresa Flores, Percussionist  
Gary Lane, Assistant Organist  
Edwin Neimann, Pianist  
Cheryl Barth, Assistant Pianist  
Sam Miller, Videographer  
Phil McChesney, Handbell Director  
Kurt Litzenberger, Set/Sound & Lighting

### Support Ministries Leaders

Rev. BK Hipsher, DMin, Virtual Minister  
Rev. Kurt Krieger, Seasonal Members Chaplain  
Rev. Marian Cavagnaro, Hospice Chaplain  
Rev. Ren Bell, Hospice Chaplain  
Rev. Lynda Pantoja, Interfaith Spirituality  
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Deacon Lyda Chapman, Women's Ministries  
Deacon Michael Karban, Diaconal Minister of the Chancel  
Deacon Sue Gallagher, EdD, Teaching Associate  
Peggy Brereton, Usher Team Leader  
Trevor Stewart, Bookkeeper

### Consultant

Rev. Elder Don Eastman, Systems & Leadership

## Sunshine Cathedral Online Schedule

### Sunday

**Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live**  
10:30AM/EST - Sunday Worship

### Monday - Saturday:

**Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live**  
Noon/EST - Midday Prayers

### Monday

**Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live**  
6PM/EST - 6:30PM/EST - Christians & Cocktails

### Wednesday

**Sunshine Cathedral Share in the Chair Facebook Live** - 6PM/EST - 6:30PM/EST

## Officers of Sunshine Cathedral Board of Directors

Mary Federation, Chair; Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins, Vice-Chair; Melody Fiore, Treasurer, Allan Dewes, Secretary  
BOD@sunshinecathedral.net

## Chair of Sunshine Cathedral Foundation

Phil McChesney  
Info@SunFound.net

## Monthly Collection Programs

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Clothing Collection  
(For BG Hospital & Homeless)

**Due to limited storage space, please bring items on designated Sundays only.**

Sunshine Cathedral is not liable for any vehicle incident, including acts of nature, while attending any events.

## Sunshine Cathedral

Two Sunday morning services  
9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST)  
Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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