

Welcome Home



Today's Theme

Love Power

Sunday, February 7th 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 Kevin Tisdol

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

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

*I want Jesus to go with me;
I want Jesus to go with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
O I want Jesus to go with me.*

*In my trials, O comfort me;
in my trials, O comfort me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
O I want Jesus to comfort me.*

*When I'm in trouble,
O stay with me;
when I'm in trouble,
O stay with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
O I want Jesus to stay with 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 poetic musings of Lord Alfred Douglas

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

*"...I am true Love, I fill
The hearts of boy and girl with mutual flame.'
Then sighing said the other, 'Have thy will,
I am the Love that dare not speak its name.'"*

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

The wisdom of Hazel Barkham

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

"...We believe that God, who is love and truth, sees into all our hearts, and longs to bless us, and to bless...[our] love..."

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 (7.1-3, 6-7, 9-10)

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Jesus entered Caper'na-um. Now a centurion had a slave who was dear to him, who was sick and at the point of death. When he heard of Jesus, he sent to him Jewish elders, asking him to come and heal his slave. When Jesus was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof...But say the word, and let my servant be healed." When Jesus heard this he marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that followed him, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave well.

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Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Let us be loving. Let us embrace love. Let us celebrate love. Let us share love. Let love be our test, our guide, our hope, our motivation, and our reward. Divine Love, we praise you. We are blessed by you. And so it is.
All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

To Make You Feel My Love

By Bob Dylan
Performed by Tara Sperry

Homily

Love Power

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

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

Surely the Presence

*Surely the presence of our God is in this place:
I can feel Her mighty power, and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.*

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

*"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."
Jesus (Matthew 6.21)*

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

Then Came You

By Phil Pugh and Sherman Marshall
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

Walter Sager	02/07/1988	Craig Nowak	02/10/1995
David Keller	02/07/2018	Donald Hutchins	02/11/2018
Christian McVlain	02/08/2001	Mel Mitchell	02/12/2016
Jeffrey Reinaldo	02/09/2003		

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 Durrell Watkins

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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One:

May gentle hands tend the ill; may our world be filled
with joy and goodwill. May this church thrive and our
faith come alive. May hope touch every soul and may
we trust that we are truly whole. May wisdom guide us
every day and may we live the Jesus-way. (+) May the
departed enjoy blissful rest and may we all be richly
blessed. And with people all over the world we pray –
All: May peace prevail on earth.

We offer these prayers in the name of the indwelling
Christ, and we continuing praying in song:

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

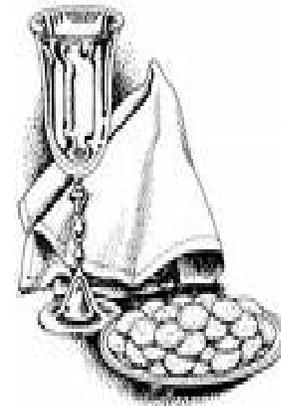
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Invitation to Communion

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

Heal Our Land

*Heal our land, Spirit heal our land;
Hear our cry and turn our nation back to you.
Lord, heal our land, hear us, O Lord,
and heal our land;
Receive our prayer and heal our broken land.
Receive our prayer and heal our broken land.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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:

"O Christ...thou didst embark on a storm-tossed sea of prejudiced minds. Their cruel thought waves lashed thy tender heart...Thy trial on the cross was an immortal victory of humility over force...O Great Lover of error-torn humanity! In myriad hearts an unseen monument has arisen to the mightiest miracle of love - thy words: 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do'...O Cosmic Christ, may we, too, conquer the...dividing selfishness that prevents the gathering in sweet accord of all [people] in the one fold of Spirit...Purified by contemplation on thee, innumerable devotees perfume their lives with emanations from thy flower soul. O Good Shepherd! thou ledest thy countless flock to the evergreen Pastures of Peace." ~ Paramahansa Yogananda

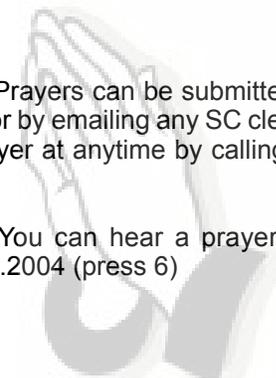
We pray for the following: Amy; Nancy; Alice; Mary; Barbara F. & family; Kirby (of blessed memory); DonnaChristine; Maralee; Mona; Shawna; Carol W.; MLF; Anita; Amanda; Ann; Champion; Melody; CJ; Stan; Julie; MonaLisa; Colin T.; Sue's parents; Joe B.; Kamala H.; Leo F.; Buddy's mom & sister; Pete; William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

LET US PRAY

There is a Higher Power that can renew us, inspire us, encourage us, comfort us, and fill us with hope and joy. We give thanks to and for this great Power and we now allow it to shower miracles into our lives and throughout our world. We pray especially for these who have been entrusted to the care of our prayers. May each one experience grace equal to every need.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

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 today, February 7.

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 jbaltobell43@yahoo.com.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - Gladys Bentley (1907-1960). Bentley was a gender-bending performer during the Harlem Renaissance. Donning a top hat and tuxedo, Bentley would sing the blues in Harlem establishments like the Clam House and the Ubangi Club. According to a belated obituary published in 2019, *The New York Times* said Bentley, who died in 1960 at the age of 52, was "Harlem's most famous lesbian" in the 1930s and "among the best-known black entertainers in the United States."



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 Midday 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).

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

February 8: Martin Buber (1878-1965) — Jewish philosopher and theologian. Buber had a strong impact in reminding Christianity of its Jewish origins. He wrote that Jesus exemplified the highest ethical and spiritual ideals of Judaism. He was a champion of interfaith dialogue. He was influenced by the Hasidic movement in Eastern Europe and he believed that Jews and Arabs could find a just way to live together.

February 9: Helen Schucman (1909 – 1981) – a professor of clinical psychology at Columbia University in NYC for 18 years (retiring in 1976). Faculty meetings were increasingly acrimonious and Helen and her friend and colleague, Bill Thetford were beginning to dread them. Bill said to Helen, "There must be another way." Soon after, Helen started receiving "inner dictation" (which she believed was coming from Jesus himself) and she started writing it down. The result is A Course in Miracles. The Course encourages people to love, forgive, believe in the absolute goodness and lovingness of God, and to release fear. By following the Course's guidelines, students of the Course believe that inner peace and lasting joy are possible. The Course seems to blend therapeutic principles, Christian verbiage, and Eastern philosophy. It can be (and is) practiced by people of various faith traditions (and none). One ACIM's most famous quotes is: "Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God."

February 11: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

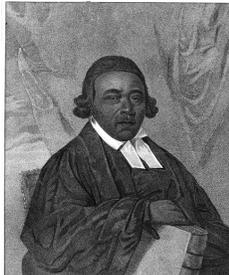
Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915) —Hymn writer and musician. Though she went blind at six weeks of age, Fanny Crosby became one of the most prolific hymn writers in America. She eventually wrote more than 8,000 hymns. Among those that have been deeply loved (especially in Evangelical churches) include: "Blessed Assurance," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," and "To God be the Glory."

February 12: Brother Lawrence (1614 – 1691) – at about the age of 40, former soldier turned valet “Nicholas Herman” joined the Carmelite order in France and would then be known as “Lawrence of the Resurrection” or “Brother Lawrence.” He was a simple, barefoot monk. He spent most of his monastic career working in the monastery kitchen, and in his final years repaired sandals (a barefoot monk repairing sandals so others could walk in comfort was apparently very in character for Brother Lawrence). He was known for his peaceful demeanor and happy nature. He developed a form of praying from the heart, of being in constant communion with the divine, that he called “practicing the presence of God.” People would write to him or visit him for spiritual guidance. After Lawrence died, Father Joseph de Beaufort gathered many of Lawrence’s letters and published them as *The Practice of the Presence of God*, which is a text still appreciated by Protestants and Catholics alike.

Immanuel Kant (1724 – 1804) - born in Prussia and became a professor of logic and metaphysics. He separated the historical Jesus and the mystical Christ.

February 13: Ss. Polyeuct & Nearchus (3rd century) - Nearchus was Christian, but Polyeuct was not. Polyeuct converted from paganism to Christianity for Nearchus. In 259 Polyeuct was martyred by decapitation. Shortly before he was executed, he spoke his last words to Nearchus: “Remember our secret vow.” Thus Polyeuct is known as a protector of vows and avenger of broken promises.

Absolom Jones (1746 – 1818) - a former slave that would become the first African American Episcopal Priest in the newly formed United States of America. Jones preached that God was a loving Parent who always took the side of “the oppressed and distressed.”



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.

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 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 31 January

<i>Weekly Generosity Income Needed</i>	\$10,797.56
<i>Generosity Income Received</i>	\$5,165.31
<i>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</i>	(\$5,632.25)

Per Capita Giving \$27.62

Worship Services 123

Online Virtual Resourcing 44,766

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




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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

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Monthly Collection Programs

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3rd 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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