

*Welcome Home*



*Today's Theme*

***The Light of Love***

*Sunday, February 14<sup>th</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**

*Precious Memories*

*Precious memories, unseen angels, sent from somewhere to my soul; how they linger, ever near me, and the sacred past unfold.*

*Precious memories, how they linger, how they ever flood my soul; in the stillness of the midnight, precious, sacred scenes unfold.*

*Precious father, loving mother, fly across the lonely years; And old home scenes of my childhood, in fond memory appear.*

*Precious memories, how they linger, how they ever flood my soul; in the stillness of the midnight, precious, sacred scenes unfold.*

*As I travel on life's pathway, know not what the years may hold; As I ponder, hope grows fonder, precious memories flood my soul.*

*Precious memories, how they linger, how they ever flood my soul; in the stillness of the midnight, precious, sacred scenes unfold.*

**Opening Prayer**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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 the Psalter (from Psalm 36)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Your steadfast love, O God, is as great as all the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your justice is as solid as the mountains. How precious is your constant love, O God! All humanity takes refuge in the shadow of your wings. You feed them with blessings from your own table and let them drink from your rivers of delight. For you are the Fountain of life; our light is from your light.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Wisdom of Tegh Bahadur**

Rev Kevin Tisdol

"Why do you go to the forest in search of the Divine? God lives in all, and abides with you, too. As fragrance dwells in a flower, or reflection in a mirror, so the Divine dwells inside everything; seek, therefore, in your own heart."

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 (Luke 9.27-36)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus said, "This is the simple truth—some of you who are standing here right now will not die until you have seen the Realm of God."

Eight days later he took Peter, James, and John with him into the hills to pray. And as he was praying, his face began to shine, and his clothes became dazzling white and blazed with light. Then two men appeared and began talking with him—Moses and Elijah! They were splendid in appearance, glorious to see; and they were speaking of his death ...

Peter and the others had been very drowsy and had fallen asleep. Now they woke up and saw Jesus covered with brightness and glory, and the two men standing with him. As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, all confused and not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Teacher, this is wonderful! We'll put up three shelters—one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah!"

But even as he was saying this, a bright cloud formed above them; and terror gripped them as it covered them. And a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved, chosen one; listen to him."

Then, as the voice faded away, Jesus was there alone with his disciples. They didn't tell anyone what they had seen until long afterwards.

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

**Prayer**

Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: Divine Light is within us and all around us. The divine Spark is everywhere and in everything. May we find warmth in its glow today. *All: Amen.*

***Please be seated.***

**The Anthem**

***Love Never Dies***

By Andrew Lloyd Webber  
Performed By Tara Sperry

**Homily**

**The Light of Love**

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**

**Someone To Watch Over Me**

By George and Ira Gershwin  
Performed By Jessica Bianco Borbone

**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**

Chet Davidson	02/14/1994	Craig Vesper	02/19/1995
Victor Dulkie	02/14/1999	Evvie Cippoletti	02/19/2016
Glenn Brinkley	02/14/2007	Tony Maurizio	02/20/1990
Mark Beshears	02/15/2004	Jack Davis	02/20/1992
Clare Marie	02/15/2009	Jason Davis	02/20/1992
Robert Rebernisek	02/16/2015	Edward Chaney	02/20/2000
Danny Williford	02/17/1994	Josh Wagner	02/20/2016
Bart Hale	02/18/1995		

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

In loving memory of Michael Banas  
on the occasion of his homegoing, February 8, 2021.

Given by Amy M. Walker and Rev. Dr. Anne Atwell

#### **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.*

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*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 continue 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**

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 Anne Atwell

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

*All: Thanks be to God.*



**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:**

"There is one God who dwells in every one of God's creations..." Guru Nanak Devi Ji

**We pray for the following ~**

MonaLisa; Colin T.; Joe B.; Kamala H.; Leo F.; Buddy's mom & sister; Pete; William B.; Max; Davis; Jon; Sue's parents; Mona; Shawna; Carol W.; MLF; Anita; Amanda; Ann; Champion; Melody; CJ; Stan; Julie; DonnaChristine; Maralee; Denise; Jan; Shaun; Tara & Sam; Katie; Barbara; Michael; Rosemary; Mickey (of blessed memory); 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**

*We affirm blessings for all who have been entrusted to the care of our prayers. We know that divine Love enfolds and flows through each person. We trust angels to guide one and all in the paths of peace, achievement, and well-being. And we ask God to fill each of these lives with abundant joy. Let miracles now be made manifest! Alleluia. 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](http://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.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** - Stormé DeLarverie (1920-2014) a biracial, “butch” lesbian, DeLarverie was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. As a teenager, she joined the Ringling Brothers Circus where she rode jumping horses. Then from 1955 to 1969, DeLarverie toured the black theater circuit as the MC — and only drag king — of the Jewel Box Revue, the first racially integrated drag revue in North America. She worked as a bouncer for several lesbian bars in New York City in the ‘80s and ‘90s, and held a number of leadership positions in the Stonewall Veterans Association. DeLarverie also was a self-appointed “guardian of lesbians in the Village” patrolling the streets to help keep women safe. Beyond her LGBTQ activism, DeLarverie also organized and performed at fundraisers for women who suffered from domestic violence.



**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.

**5 MILLION VIEWS** - In 2020, Sunshine Cathedral online programming received over 5 MILLION views. Thank you for watching, supporting, praying for, and telling others about our daily online programming. Continue to help us reach the world with our progressive, positive, practical spirituality.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – send prayer requests to [prayer@sunshinecathedral.net](mailto: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).

**FOOD SHARING PROGRAM** - Our Wednesday Food Pantry (groceries offered at no cost and with no questions asked) and our Brown Bag lunches (available for individuals and also shared with various community partner organizations) feed well over 500 people every week. Non-perishable food items are accepted the first Sunday of every month. Your support of this ministry makes a huge difference in many lives.

**OTHER PROGRAMS** - visit [SunshineCathedral.org](http://SunshineCathedral.org) to learn about other Cathedral programs, including A Course in Miracles, a virtual reality service in Second Life, and more.

**ECUMENISM** - Sunshine Cathedral is affiliated with the International Council of Community Churches (which is a member of the World and National Councils of Churches), Metropolitan Community Churches, the Global Justice Institute (at MCC New York), the Divine Science Federation (of which our senior minister is president), and BOLD Justice (a Broward County network of churches working together with government and community leaders for a kinder and more just life for all in our county). In relationship and partnership we can achieve so much.

**HOUT TV** - Another ministry partner for Sunshine Cathedral is Happening Out Television Network, a new (less than 3 years old) streaming network that produces LGBTQ+ themed news and social programming, and they also produce the streaming services of Sunshine Cathedral. HOUT is now housed on the campus of Sunshine Cathedral.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**February 14: St. Valentine (d. 269)**—Martyr. Though St. Valentine has long since removed from the lists of ‘official’ saints, Valentine’s Day has been taken over by the greeting card industry and become fixed in the popular calendar of most people. It seems to have its origins in England, where it was noted that birds began to pair and mate around the feast of St. Valentine. The original Valentine was likely a Christian priest in Rome who was beheaded for refusing to renounce his faith. He gave his heart to God, his divine lover.

**Feb 14: James A. Pike (1913 – 1969)** - early proponent of ordination of women, racial desegregation, and the acceptance of LGBT people in the Church. He was the Bishop of California in The Episcopal Church. He held two law degrees from Yale and a seminary degree from Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Pike invited Martin Luther King Jr. to speak at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in

1965 following his march to Selma. After his son's untimely death, Pike became interested in the paranormal (he even tried to reach his late son through psychics). He died in the Israeli desert while researching a book he wanted to write (coincidentally, about Jesus wandering in the desert). His rented car got stuck and he and his wife Diane tried to walk to safety, but were farther away from any community than they realized. While wandering lost in the desert, Pike fell down a steep canyon where he died. Diane found help and survived.

**February 16: Janani Luwum (1924-1977)**—Anglican Archbishop of Uganda and martyr. Luwum was Archbishop of Uganda during the dictatorship of General Idi Amin. He was not the type to be drawn toward social justice issues or protests; he tried at first to maintain a neutral stance of cooperation. Luwum realized the church could no longer stand silently by as Amin's paranoid reign of terror led to the murder of tens of thousands. He was confronted with trumped up charges, and when ordered to sign a confession he responded by praying. This sent Amin into a rage, and he drew a pistol and executed Luwum himself.

**February 17: Giardano Bruno (1548 – 1600)** - taught that God is everywhere imminent throughout the universe. Bruno was an Italian poet and philosopher who wrote, "God is the Principle of unity in all activity and is the Principle of Oneness..." Referring to divine Mind, he held that Mind and matter are one.

**February 18: Martin Luther (1483-1546)**—Reformer of the Church. Originally trained as a lawyer, Luther was ordained a priest and taught theology at the University of Wittenberg. Luther was also a musician, and his most famous hymn was "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

**February 20: Frederick Douglass (1818-1895)**—Abolitionist. Born into slavery, Douglass managed to escape to the North and freedom. There he became a champion of the abolitionist movement as he lectured across the United States and Europe. He was noted for his amazing oratorical skills. Although a lay preacher in the AME Zion church, he became increasingly critical of the silence of much of Christianity regarding slavery.

**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 7 February**

<i>Weekly Generosity Income Needed</i>	\$10,797.56
<i>Generosity Income Received</i>	\$8,504.72
<i>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</i>	(\$2,292.84)

<i>Per Capita Giving</i>	\$34.82
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<i>Worship Services</i>	136
<i>Online Virtual Resourcing</i>	90,258

*Detailed information located on the Cathedral*

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  
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Deacon Lydya 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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