

*Welcome Home To Your Sunshine Cathedral*



*Today's Theme*

*Life Giving Love*

*Sunday, February 21<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 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**

*This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All throughout the night, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

#### **Confessional Litany**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: May we be forgiven for forgetting our divine nature.  
All: *May we be forgiven for failing to see the sacred value of all people.*

One: May we be healed of judging ourselves, and others, too harshly.  
All: *May we forgive ourselves for not trusting in the absolute goodness and unconditional love of God.*

One: May we forgive ourselves and others of all mistakes, real or imagined, since God has always and only seen the truth of our endless goodness.  
All: *May we now let our light shine and live as the children of God that we are. Amen.*

#### **Sung Response**

*No Day But Today*

*There's only us, there's only this. Forget regret, or life is yours to miss.  
No other road, no other way, no day but today.  
I can't control my destiny. I trust my soul, my only goal is just to be.  
There's only now, there's only here. Give into love, or live in fear.  
No other road, no other way, no day but today.  
No day but today.*

**Please be seated.**

#### **Service of Proclamation**

##### **The wisdom of the Dhammapada**

Rev Kevin Tisdol

"Never does hatred cease by hating in return, only through love can hatred come to an end. Let us overcome violence by gentleness; let us overcome evil by good. Let us overcome the miserly by liberality; let us overcome the liar by truth."

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

**Please rise as you are able.**

## **Sung Response**

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

### **The Gospel According to Luke (Luke 10.25-29)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. He said, "Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you understand from it?" The man answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' Also, 'Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself.'" Jesus said, "Your answer is right. Do this and you will have eternal life." But the man wanted to show that the way he was living was right. So he said to Jesus, "But who is my neighbor?"

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

## **Prayer**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: God bless our neighbors, today: our gay and lesbian neighbors, our bisexual neighbors, our transgender neighbors, our straight neighbors, our undocumented neighbors, our non-religious neighbors, our struggling neighbors, our affluent neighbors, our hurting neighbors, our vulnerable neighbors... We ask you, God, to bless our neighbors, fully aware that everyone is our neighbor.

*All: Amen.*

***Please be seated.***

## **The Anthem**

*My Love is Your Love*  
By Wyclef Jean and Jerry Duplessis  
Performed By Tara Sperry

## **Homily**

*Life Giving Love*  
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

## **Song of Response**

***Please rise as you are able.***

Bless Us All

*Bless us all who gather here  
The loving family I hold dear  
No place on Earth compares with home  
And every path will bring me back from where I roam*

*Bless us all, that as we live  
We always comfort and forgive  
We have so much that we can share  
With those in need we see around us everywhere*

*Let us always love each other  
Lead us to the light  
Let us hear the voice of reason  
Singing in the night  
Let us run from anger  
And catch us when we fall  
Teach us in our dreams  
And please, yes please bless us one and all*

*Bless us all with playful years  
With noisy games and joyful tears  
We reach for you and we stand tall  
And in our prayers and dreams we ask you  
Bless us all  
We reach for you and we stand tall  
And in our prayers and dreams we ask you  
Bless us all.*

## **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**

*"...all which I give, I enjoy in a higher manner through the fact that I give it away." Jean-Paul Sartre*

### **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**

*Thank You For Being A Friend*  
By Andrew Gold  
Performed By Sara Burns

## **Doxology**

***Rise as you are able.***

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;  
from the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous  
day. Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived  
our human span, God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our  
stewardship began.*

## **Sacrament of Hospitality**

### **Eucharistic Intentions**

Rev Kevin Tisdol

#### **We Remember**

Dale Murphy	02/21/1999	Doris Kurant	02/24/1996
Hal Strangways	02/23/1992	Peter Consorti	02/24/2004
Trudy Kaufmann	02/24/1995	Daryl Bouck	02/26/1994
		Justin Flippen	02/25/2020

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

In loving memory of Mayor Justin Flippen  
May 6, 1978 - February 25, 2020

By  
Marc Dickerman

#### **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 : On the night of his arrest Jesus shared a meal with his friends and family of choice. After supper, he took a piece of bread, broke it, and offered it to those at table. Sharing together made them one body. Jesus said, "When you do this, remember me."

One: He then took a cup of wine and shared it with the others. Sharing reminded them that they were bound together in a covenant of love. Jesus again said, "When you do this, remember me."

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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

*All: Thanks be to God.*

#### **Communion is Shared**

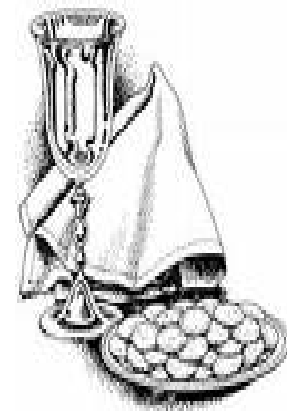
*Fill My Cup, Lord*

*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.*

*Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.*

*Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;*

*fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*



## 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

### Faith of the Heart

It's been a long road, getting from there to here.  
It's been a long time, but my time is finally here.  
And I will see my dream come alive at last.  
I will touch the sky. And they're not gonna hold me down  
no more, no they're not gonna hold me down.

'coz I've got faith of the heart. I'm going where my heart will  
take me. I've got faith to believe I can do anything.  
I've got strength of the soul, and no one's gonna bend or  
break me. I can reach any star. I've got faith. I've got faith,  
faith of the heart.

### Commissioning

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

### Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

Peace  
be with  
you

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## SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

### Centering Thought:

"God is in everything I see."  
A Course in Miracles

### We pray for the following ~

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

May God's blessing be upon each of these we hold  
in prayer.

May every heart be filled with joy.

May every life flourish.

May love hold and comfort every hurting person.

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  
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# SunBurst News

## SC GIVING STATEMENTS

– All Giving Statements for 2020 have been emailed. If you have not received a Giving Statement by now it may be for one of the following reasons:

1. Sunshine Cathedral does not have your email address.
2. Your email is not updated in our primary donation system. So, when your Giving Statement was emailed, it failed to send.

If you have not gotten your statement and would like to receive it, please email Rev Dr Robert Griffin at Robert@sunshinecathedral.org

## THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER

– 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.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Marsha P. Johnson (who would cheekily tell people the "P" stood for "pay it no mind") was an outspoken transgender rights activist and is reported to be one of the central figures of the historic Stonewall uprising of 1969. Along with fellow trans activist Sylvia Rivera, Johnson helped form Street Transgender Action Revolutionaries (STAR), a radical political organization that provided housing and other forms of support to homeless queer youth and sex workers in Manhattan. She also performed with the drag performance troupe Hot Peaches from 1972 through the '90s and was an AIDS activist with AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP).



## 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),  
- 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.

## FOOD SHARING PROGRAM

- Non-perishable food items are being accepted every Sunday of Lent. Your support of our Food Sharing ministry makes a huge difference in many lives.

## OTHER PROGRAMS

- Visit SunshineCathedral.org to learn about other Cathedral programs, including A Course in Miracles, a virtual reality service in Second Life, and more.

## 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).

**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 24: Apostle Matthias** – an apostle chosen by the other apostles (rather than by Jesus) to replace Judas Iscariot.

**February 25: Felix Varela (1788-1853)** — Cuban priest and theologian. Long revered as a champion of justice in his native Cuba, Varela spent most of his ministry in exile in New York, having argued for the independence of Cuba from Spain, and the abolition of slavery. He was the first Hispanic theologian in the US, and died in St. Augustine, Florida. His tomb was visited by José Martí, who called him a “Cuban saint.” His remains were later returned to Cuba, where he is still honored.

**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 14 February**

<i>Weekly Generosity Income Needed</i>	\$10,797.56
<i>Generosity Income Received</i>	\$9,948.96
<i>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</i>	(\$848.60)

*Per Capita Giving* \$24.14

*Worship Services* 136

*Online Virtual Resourcing* 90,021

*Detailed information located at  
SunshineCathedral.org*

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  
Rev. Margarita Rodriguez, Minister of Spiritual Companionship  
Rev. Nancy Davis, DD, A Course in Miracles  
Deacon Ed Huckemeyer, DD, Diaconal Minister of Pastoral Care  
Deacon Jean Johnson, Community Chaplain  
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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