

*Welcome Home To Your Sunshine Cathedral*



*Today's Theme*

*God Won't Lose Us*

*Sunday, March 7<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 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**

*Light of God in Me*

*(Tune: Woodworth ["Just As I Am"])*

*Words: ©2012, Durrell Watkins)*

*Just as I am, I'm meant to be  
God is my life eternally  
And Love divine embraces me  
O Light of God in me...in me.*

*Just as I am I'm whole and free  
Love, hope and joy are all for me  
And Truth affirms my dignity  
O Light of God in me...in me.*

*Just as I am healed, prospered and blessed  
Grace frees me now from strife and stress  
and I receive Life's very best  
O Light of God in me...in me.*

#### **Confessional Litany**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

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 Psalter (from Psalm 119)**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

O Lord, listen to my prayers...Rescue me as you said you would. Stand ready to help me because I have chosen to follow your will. O Lord, I have longed for your salvation, and your law is my delight. I have wandered away like a lost sheep; come and find me, for I have not turned away from your commandments.

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 15.1-10)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

A lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening [to him] intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased...They growled, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." Their grumbling triggered this story.

"Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me! I've found my lost sheep!...'"

"Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she'll call her friends and neighbors: 'Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!' Count on it—that's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God."

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

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Prayer**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Omnipresent Love, we are in you, one with you, and can never be lost from you; for this, we rejoice.

*All: Amen.*

***Please be seated.***

## **The Anthem**

*Lost*

By Michael Buble

Performed By Tara Sperry

## **Homily**

*God Won't Lose Us*

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**

*"True generosity is an offering, giving freely and out of pure love, no strings attached." Suze Orman*

### **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**

*Rescue Me*

By Carl Smith and Raynard Miner  
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**

Bob Meadows	03/09/1979	Robert Hagen	03/13/1997
Loretta Karban	03/09/2007	Fred Schneider	03/13/2004
Dennis Perrin	03/11/2007	Gerard Marier	03/13/2005
Dick Drow	03/12/1991	Raymond Mailhot	03/13/2006
Earl Toner	03/12/2005		

#### **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.*

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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: 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 Dr Anne Atwell

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

*All: Thanks be to God.*

#### **Communion is Shared**

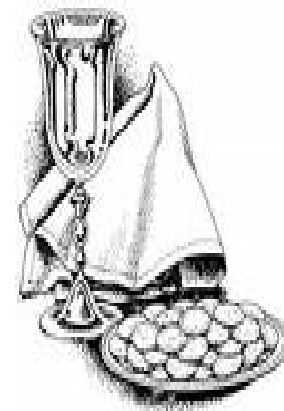
*Fill My Cup, Lord*

*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 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**

**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 finan'lly near*

*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 change my mind*

*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 hear*

**Commissioning**

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

**Postlude**

Barbara Ramcharitar

**Sunshine Cathedral CCLI# 11274929**

**SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY**

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

**Centering Thought:**

"Pour upon us Thy Love and Thy Light."  
Universal Sufi Prayer

**We pray for the following ~**

Katie; Leo; Barbara; Michael; Rosemary; Mickey (of blessed memory); Shawna; Carol W.; Amanda; Ann; Champion; Melody; CJ; DonnaChristine; Maralee; Stan & Julie; Marty; Amy; Mary; Emily & Brett; Tara & Sam; MLF; Anita; Joey; Nancy; Gary; Melissa; Lynne; Bill; Rick; Virginia; Hilda (of blessed memory); Rodney; 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**

*Infinite Goodness -  
We lovingly gather these dear ones to our hearts,  
wishing them health and happiness,  
peace and prosperity,  
comfort and confidence.  
We affirm that each deserves joy and justice,  
security and opportunity,  
love and liberty.  
May each and all experience grace equal to every need.  
Amen.*

**TEN PRINCIPLES OF WESTERN SUFISM**

There is one God, pure being, the only being.  
There is one true teacher, the Guiding Spirit which leads us toward the Light.  
There is one holy book - Nature.  
There is one religion - Love.  
There is one Law - the Golden Rule.  
There is one family - Humanity.  
There is one moral - Kindness.  
There is one object of praise - Beauty.  
There is one Truth - Awareness of our good nature.  
There is one path - Overcoming the ego.

**REMEMBER:**

Prayers can be submitted via [Sunshine Cathedral.org](http://SunshineCathedral.org) or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6)



# SunBurst News

## 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.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

- In 2009 Johanna Sigurdardottir became the modern world's first openly gay head of government as the Prime Minister of Iceland.

## THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER

- 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.

## 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](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).

## 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

### March 7: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity (d. 203)

Martyrs. Perpetua, who came from a wealthy family in North Africa, and Felicity, her friend and servant, were martyred at Carthage during a period of Roman persecutions. Despite the pleadings of her family and the prospect of being torn apart by savage animals, Perpetua refused to renounce her Christian faith. In death they comforted each other, and in one final act before the jeering crowds they kissed each other. Writings about their death were wildly popular in the early church, and are important for reflecting the perspective of an independent woman of faith who claimed her own identity and vocation despite the demands of a patriarchal society.

### Paramahansa Yogananda (1883 – 1952)

A spiritual teacher who emphasized each individual's ability to experience Truth for herself or himself rather than relying on inherited or "blind" belief. He believed every individual has the ability to experience the Divine directly and should rely on that experience more than on religious dogma. Yogananda wrote, "As long as you are making the effort, God will never let you down!"

### March 8: Annie Rix Militz (1856 – 1924)

Was the founder of both the New Thought publication Master Mind magazine and the Homes of Truth. Militz wrote, "We trust God not only as our physician, but as our banker, our defender, as our [spouse], our [parent], our all in all..."

### March 9: Mikao Usui (1865 – 1926)

The founder of the complementary healing technique known as "Reiki" (universal life-force energy). Reiki practitioners allow themselves to be a channel of Universal Life-force Energy, imagining symbols as they place hands on or near certain spots of a person's body (they also give "distant treatments" for people far away). Practitioners share the energy but remain detached from the outcome. They trust the energy will flow freely to accomplish whatever is most needed. The principles Reiki practitioners try to live by are simply: "Do not be angry. Do not worry. Be grateful. Work with diligence. Be kind to people." Reiki is not a religion and can be practiced by people of any or no faith tradition.

**A.K. Mozumdar (1864 – 1953)**

Born in India, Mozumdar came to the U.S. to teach his understanding of spiritual principles. Mozumdar's beliefs about the connection between the mind and the body are now widely shared by both religious and secular thinkers. Mozumdar taught that God is within us, inseparable from us. Mozumdar's quotes include: "That which you imagine with a positive assurance becomes a reality to you" and "Convince yourself that you have the ability to do a certain thing, and you will have the ability." Ernest Holmes was a friend and admirer of Mozumdar.

**March 10: Harriet Tubman (1820?-1913)**

Abolitionist. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped to the North in 1849. In the next 10 years she made 19 trips into the South, leading 300 slaves to freedom. Soon she was known as 'Moses.' During the Civil War she served as a spy, scout, and nurse. Later she worked for the cause of women's suffrage. She was a member of the AME Zion Church.

**Time Change  
March 14th - EDST Begins**

**Holy Week Services**

*1 April - Maundy Thursday Service*

**7pm**

FaceBook ONLY

*2 April - Good Friday Concert*

**7pm**

In-Person: Mask & Reservation Required

Live Broadcast: FaceBook & YouTube

*4 April - Easter Sunday*

**9am**

In-Person: Mask & Reservation Required

**10:30am**

In-Person: Mask & Reservation Required

Live Broadcast on FaceBook & YouTube

**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 28 February**

<i>Weekly Generosity Income Needed</i>	\$10,797.56
<i>Generosity Income Received</i>	\$5,898.73
<i>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</i>	(\$4,898.83)

*Per Capita Giving* \$31.18

*Worship Services* 122

*Online Virtual Resourcing* 90,730

*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  
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Rev. Ren Bell, Hospice Chaplain  
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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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