

Welcome Home To Your Sunshine Cathedral



A Positive Worship Experience

America's Queer Church for All

Today's Theme

A Messy Messiah

Sunday, March 14th 2021

*October 2020 Began Our
50th Church Year Long Anniversary Celebration*

October 1971 - 2021

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

Rescue the Perishing

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, snatch them in pity from fear that is grave; Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen, tell them of Jesus who's loving always.

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, Jesus is merciful, Jesus always.

Down in the human heart, crushed by temptation, feelings lie buried that grace can restore; Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness, chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, Jesus is merciful, Jesus always.

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it; strength for your labors true Love will provide; Back to the caring way patiently help them; tell the poor wand'rer that Hope is alive. Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, Jesus is merciful, Jesus always.

Confessional Litany

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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 41)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

God blesses those who are kind to the poor. God helps them out of their troubles. God protects them and keeps them alive; God publicly honors them and destroys the power of their enemies. God nurses them when they are sick and soothes their pains and worries.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Sung Response

Through All the World, a Hungry Christ

Through all the world, a hungry Christ must scavenge far for daily bread,

Must beg the rich for crumbs and crust – we are the rich, the daily fed.

Beyond the church, a leper Christ takes each untouchable by hand,

Gives hope to those who have trust, whose stigma is our social brand.

In torture cell, a prisoner Christ for justice and for truth must cry

To free the innocent oppressed while we at liberty pass by.

We do not know you, beggar Christ, we do not recognize your sores,

We do not see, for we are blind: forgive us, touch us, make us yours.

The Gospel According to Luke (16.19-31)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

There was once a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and lead a life of daily luxury.

And there was a poor man called Lazarus who was put down at his gate. He was covered with sores. He used to long to be fed with the scraps from the rich man's table. Yes, and the dogs used to come and lick his sores.

Well, it happened that the poor man died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom.

The rich man also died and was buried. And from among the dead he looked up and saw Abraham a long way away, and Lazarus in his arms.

'Father Abraham!' he cried out, 'please pity me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham replied, 'Remember, my son, that you used to have the good things in your lifetime, while Lazarus suffered the bad. Now he is being comforted here, while you are in agony. And besides this, a great chasm has been set between you and us, so that those who want to go to you from this side cannot do so, and people cannot come to us from your side.' At this he said, 'Then I beg you, then, to send him to my family's house for I have five brothers. Lazarus could warn them about all this and prevent their coming to this place of torture.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets: they can listen to them.' 'Ah no, father Abraham,' he said, 'if only someone were to go to them from the dead, they would change completely.' But Abraham told him, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they would not be convinced even if somebody were to rise from the dead.'"

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Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: May we treat one another with kindness and compassion, being all the more mindful of those who suffer want, injustice, dis-ease, or despair. May we comfort one another in life, and find joyful rest in the world to come.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Try a Little Kindness

By Bobby Austin and Curt Sapaugh

Performed By Tara Sperry

Homily

A Messy Messiah

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

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger."

Proverbs 11.24

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

From A Distance

By Julie 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

Stephany Sally Bond	03/14/1999	Diane Martin	03/17/1990
Carlos Mielgo	03/15/2008	Ed Thibodeau	03/18/2019
James Shipp	03/16/1994	Ted Justyk	03/19/1990
Charles Gruenberger	03/16/2004	Bob Hoy	03/20/1995
Grant Ford	03/16/2019	Ralph Durham	03/20/2004

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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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

Rev Kevin Tisdol & Rev Dr Robert Griffin

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."

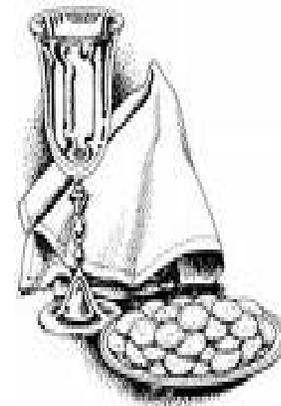
Invitation to Communion

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



Communion Songs

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.*

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 Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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'ly 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

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SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

Centering Thought:

May all the beings in all the worlds be happy.
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May all the beings in all the worlds be happy.
Om Peace, Peace, Peace.

--Vedic World Peace Prayer

We pray for the following ~

Marty; Amy; Mary; Katie; Barbara; Michael; Rosemary;
Ann; Champion; Melody; CJ; Stan & Julie; Joey;
DonnaChristine; Maralee; Nancy; Gary; Melissa; Lynne;
Bill; Rick; Virginia; Emily & Brett; Tara & Sam; MLF;
Anita; Carol W.; Amanda; Marion W.; Jim P. (of blessed
memory); Hilda (of blessed memory); Rodney; Shawna;
medical practitioners; those who have tested positive for
COVID19; Those waiting to receive vaccinations; those
in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+
communities; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the
Sunshine Cathedral;

LET US PRAY:

*There is one power, one presence, one law...the power
is love, the presence is love, the law is love. Let us today
trust divine love to guide us, to nurture us, to comfort
us, to heal us, to make us joyful. And what we declare
for ourselves we declare for all people, because we
are one, and we are all part of the Allness that we call
God. And so it is.*

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

A WORD FROM THE CATHEDRAL BOARD CHAIR -

Sunshine Cathedral friends,

I am reaching out to you personally to request your support. To those who have already registered BOLD Justice's Nehemiah Action, I offer a BIG THANKS.

This is the final week and things are shaping up for our 2021 Nehemiah Action.

We have four county commissioners committed to the event as well as our newly elected Broward County State Attorney, Mr. Harold Pryor. Now we need you.

Over the last week we've made a lot of progress on getting people registered for the Action. We're up to 980 people registered - but this is still far from our goal of 1,600. Sunshine Cathedral is short of our goal of 100 people. And we know Sunshine always supports a good cause. We need you to share an hour of your time on Monday. This is a virtual call to action so you don't even need to leave the comfort of your home. You can sit back and relax BUT, your voice will still be heard.

PLEASE JOIN US and invite a friend for this worthwhile action. Together we can help make Broward County a better place. You will need to register online. If you have any issues please contact me and we will help get you set up,

Date: Monday, March 15th, 2021

Time: 7:15 log in, 7:30 Call to Order

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/nehemiah-action-register>

Thank you for your support,

Mary Fedoration
Board Chair - Sunshine Cathedral
Team Leader – Bold Justice

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. According to the latest CDC recommendations, small groups of vaccinated people can gather unmasked, but mixed, public gatherings (where many may yet be unvaccinated) should continue to follow established protocols (safe distancing, hand washing, and mask wearing). For worship at Sunshine Cathedral, we will continue to follow these prudent recommendations until further notice.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – In the 1970s Billie Jean King fought for equal treatment of women in sports. Since the 1980s she has been an LGBTQ icon. Today she is a part owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Several years ago her being outed was called one of the three most important moments in LGBTQ sports history. King was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1987. King is considered one of the greatest tennis players in history. She won 12 women's Grand Slam titles,

and the Wimbledon title six times. She added 27 doubles and mixed-doubles Grand Slam titles, making her the third-most decorated player in Grand Slam history.

Since then she has pushed for further equality for LGBTQ people, women and various under-served communities. In 2009 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2014 President Barack Obama named her to his Olympic delegation in an attempt to open international eyes to the presence and success of LGBTQ athletes.

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.

BECOME AN EASTER LILY - You can help Sunshine Cathedral have an abundant Easter celebration by becoming an "Easter Lily."

Our Easter Lilies make special donations in memory or in honor of loved ones whose names are included in the Easter Sunday worship program. There are Easter Lily envelopes in the worship bags and an Easter Lily link is available on our website. For more info contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.org).

PRAYER – send prayer requests to prayer@sunshinecathedral.net. 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 14: Fannie Lou Hamer (1917-1977)—Prophet of freedom. Raised in a family of sharecroppers in rural Mississippi, Hamer rose up as a prophet to challenge the oppression of segregation and poverty. At the age of 45 she attended a civil rights rally and committed herself to the freedom movement. On several occasions she was

arrested and beaten, but despite the dogs, fire hoses, clubs, and bombs she drew on her deep faith and vision of justice to challenge the powers of oppression. She died of breast cancer.

March 15: St. Longinus – Longinus is the name tradition gives to the unnamed Roman soldier who pierced Jesus’ sided with a spear during the Crucifixion. Tradition also holds that he became a follower of the way of Jesus.

March 16: Grant Lynn Ford (1939 – 2019) – Pentecostal Minister, Independent Catholic Bishop, Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) Pastor, and Divine Science Minister. Bishop Ford had a unique talent for blending high church liturgy, charismatic enthusiasm, and New Thought teaching into a unified experience of celebration. He pastored the Sunshine Cathedral in Fort Lauderdale 22 years before retiring. He was succeeded by his hand-picked replacement, Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins, another religious pluralist/liturgist/New Thought practitioner. Grant was a graduate of a Pentecostal bible college and a life-member of the International New Thought Alliance and held an honorary doctorate from Light University (later known as The Samaritan Institute). The Sunshine Cathedral’s prayer garden is named for him: The Grant Lynn Ford Prayer Garden.

March 17: St. Patrick (389-461)—Bishop and missionary of Ireland. He was born into a Christian family in late Roman Britain. At 16 he was captured by Irish raiders and taken into slavery, where his only consolation was his Christian faith. Years later he escaped and returned to England, where he eventually became a Bishop. He felt called back to Ireland where he was able to spread the Christian faith.

March 19: St. Joseph—Little is known about Joseph, apart from the Nativity stories in Matthew and Luke. He is pictured as a person of deep faith, open to mystical experiences, who had great compassion. As a carpenter he is known as the patron saint of working folk. His family home was said to be in Nazareth.

Holy Week Services

1 April - Maundy Thursday Service
7pm
FaceBook & YouTube
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

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Donating to Sunshine Cathedral just got easier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venmo or CashApp</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venmo - @SunshineCathedral</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Text to Give - 954.399.7333</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Financial Data Snapshot from 7 March</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Weekly Generosity Income Needed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,797.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Generosity Income Received</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$12,829.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Our Abundance and/or (Need)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,031.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding-top: 10px;"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Per Capita Giving</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$56.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding-top: 10px;"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Worship Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">133</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Online Virtual Resourcing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">125,421</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Detailed information located at</i> SunshineCathedral.org</p>	Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56	Generosity Income Received	\$12,829.30	Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$2,031.74			Per Capita Giving	\$56.70			Worship Services	133	Online Virtual Resourcing	125,421
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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/ET - Sunday Worship

Monday - Saturday:
Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
Noon/ET - Midday Prayers

Monday
Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
6PM/ET - 6:30PM/ET - Christians & Cocktails

Wednesday
Sunshine Cathedral Share in the Chair Facebook Live - 6PM/ET - 6:30PM/ET

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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