

Welcome Home To Your Sunshine Cathedral



A Positive Worship Experience

America's Queer Church for All

Today's Theme

Pray Through

Sunday, March 21st 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

I Need You Every Hour

I need you every hour, O God of grace, the peace your voice affords, I now embrace.

I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my savior; I come to you.

I need you every hour, in faith or fear, temptations lose their power when you are near.

I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my savior; I come to you.

I need you every hour, in joy or pain, come quickly and abide or life is vain.

I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my savior; I come to you.

I need you every hour; teach me your will, and your rich promises in me fulfill.

I need you, how I need you! Every hour I need you; O bless me now, my savior; I come to you.

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 5)

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Holy One, listen to me and understand what I am trying to say. My God and sovereign, listen to my prayer. Every morning, God, I lay my gifts before you and look to you for help. And every morning you hear my prayers.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Sung Response Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The Gospel According to Luke (18.1-7)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus told a story showing that it was necessary to pray consistently and never quit. He said, "There was once a judge in some city who never gave God a thought and cared nothing for people. A widow in that city kept after him: 'My rights are being violated. Protect me!'

"He never gave her the time of day. But after this went on and on he said to himself, 'I care nothing what God thinks, even less what people think. But because this widow won't quit badgering me, I'd better do something and see that she gets justice—otherwise I'm going to end up beaten black-and-blue by her pounding.'"

Then Jesus said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for [the faithful] who continue to cry out for help? Won't God stick up for them?"

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

Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Hear the prayer of our hearts, holy One. Minister to our every need. Fill our lives with joy. We welcome your blessings and we are thankful.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

My Prayer For You

By Michael Farren and Jessica Campbell

Performed By Sara Burns

Homily

Pray Through

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

"Bring the whole tithe... 'Test me in this,' says the Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.'" Malachi 3.10

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

*Sweet Hour Of Prayer
Arranged By Paul Cardall
Performed By Edwin Neimann*

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

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 Dr Anne Atwell

We Remember

Mark Parker	03/22/1994	Bill Jamroz	03/24/2002
Mannie Marricco	03/23/2006	Jim Minotti	03/27/1993
Ted Rosenberger	03/23/2009	John Cahill	03/27/1995
Danny Johnson	03/24/1995	Donald Perrella	03/27/2005

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.
For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon
us and on the whole world.
For the sake of your infinite goodness please smile upon
us and on the whole world.*

*Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One
Give blessings to us and to the whole world.
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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

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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."

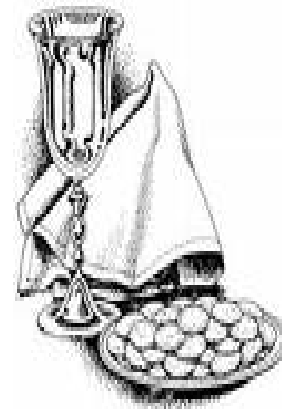
One: He then took a cup of wine and shared it with the others. Sharing reminded them that they were bound together in a covenant of love. Jesus again said, "When you do this, remember me."

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'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

SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

Centering Thought:

"Prayer is a song of the heart.
It reaches the ear of God even if
it is mingled with the cry of a
thousand people."

Kahlil Gibran

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;
Mark; Marc; 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;

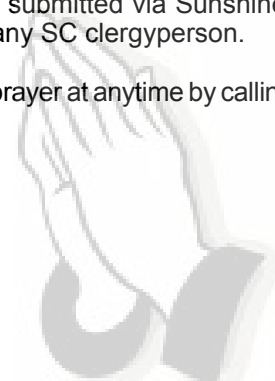
LET US PRAY ~

The Sacred is everywhere, fully present.
It embraces all that is; It is the substance of all that is.
The Sacred is my life, my joy, my hope.
It is the Source of all Good.
I rest in the loving embrace of the Sacred.
In this divine Presence, we are all held,
all valued, all nurtured.
Blessings abound.
I give thanks.
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

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).

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. 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

– Anne Lister was born into a wealthy military family in Yorkshire in 1791, Lister defied the norms of her class and time: a fierce and often snobbish intellectual, she also owned her own land, renovated the family seat of Shibden Hall, ran a colliery and became the first woman to climb several mountains in the Pyrenees. Lister's diaries were written in a secret code that wasn't cracked until the late 19th century. They reveal that she was a lesbian, but her sexuality is unlikely to have come as a shock to those who knew her. She walked like a man, dressed entirely in black and famously went by the names of "Fred" and "Gentleman Jack", while her affairs with local women were common knowledge in Shibden and the nearby town of Halifax. She eventually 'married' a rich woman named Ann Walker, giving her a wedding ring and even having their union blessed in church. Walker moved into Shibden Hall, and the couple lived together until Lister's death

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.

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 21 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

—Writer of Sacred Music. He was a devout Lutheran and had a deep devotion to the Bible. In each manuscript he began by writing the initials "J.J." (Jesu Juva, "Help me, Jesus") or "I.N.J." (In Nomine Jesu, "In the name of Jesus"), and ended with "S.D.G." (Solo Deo Gloria, "To God alone the glory."). His chorales have been compared to the stained glass windows of a cathedral.

March 24: Archangel Gabriel

– A messenger in sacred literature. Gabriel appears to Daniel in the Hebrew scriptures and to both Mary and Zechariah in the New Testament. Gabriel is also mentioned in the Book of Enoch as well as in the traditions of Islam and the Baha'i Faith.

St. (Archbishop) Oscar Romero (1917-1980)

—Martyr of El Salvador. As the violence of the death squads escalated Romero experienced a personal transformation as the voice of the poor and a fearless champion of justice. He was unafraid to confront the political, military, and even religious forces of oppression. The masses of poor found in him a shepherd who loved them. He was assassinated at the altar while saying Mass in a hospital.

March 25: The Annunciation to Mary, the Blessed Lady
 —Luke tells the story (1:26-38) of the visit of an angel to announce to a young Jewish girl that she would give birth to the messiah. The Church, from its very beginning, has given to Mary a place of honor for being the mother of Jesus.

March 26: Bishop Richard Allen (1760-1831)
 —Founder of African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. Born a slave, Allen was sold to a Methodist farmer and was converted. After purchasing his freedom he felt called to preach. He felt the needs of African-Americans were best suited by the message of hope he heard in the Wesleyan movement. After many years of struggle against white control of Black churches, in 1816 he organized the first major black denomination, the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

March 27: Meister Eckhart (1260-1329)
 —Dominican theologian and mystic. Eckhart's writings were largely condemned in his lifetime, however he is today seen as a prophet of modern spirituality. He wrote in mystical and paradoxical terms of the union of the soul with God, of a God-consciousness that is attained only by emptying and detachment. His thoughts show many similarities to Zen Buddhism. He liked to say "Do not cling to the symbols, but get to the inner truth!"



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

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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

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Phil McChesney
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Monthly Collection Programs

1st Sunday - Loaves & Fishes: Food Collection

3rd Sunday - Clothing Collection
(For BG Hospital & Homeless)

Due to limited storage space, please bring items on designated Sundays only.

Sunshine Cathedral is not liable for any vehicle incident, including acts of nature, while attending any events.

Sunshine Cathedral

Two Sunday morning services
9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST)
Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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