

Welcome Home To Your Sunshine Cathedral



A Positive Worship Experience

America's Queer Church for All

Today's Theme

Grace and Power

Sunday, April 18th 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

Processional Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus – No turning back, no turning back.

My fears behind me, the Christ within me, my fears behind me, the Christ within me, my fears behind me, the Christ within me – no turning back, no turning back.

Will you come with me, as I now follow, will you come with me, as I now follow, will you come with me, as I now follow – no turning back, no turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus – No turning back, no turning back.

Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Spirit of life,
we come together during this season of Eastertide to rejoice in the ongoing song of life that is within us and around us.
In this season of renewal, of life bursting into bloom or song,
remind us that we have an inner beauty,
reflecting the image of your creative power.

Spirit of Resurrection, remind us of the power of hope to triumph over fear, the power of love to prevail over the horrors of hate, the potential for peace to be victorious over hostility.

We pray for all that is still possible, but not yet fulfilled...

Spirit of life, as we feel you flowing and pulsing within, we pray for a courageous and joyous faith, empowering us to become our finest and truest selves, empowering us to see your image in our neighbors, empowering us to participate with you in the creation of a new time of life, in which love, justice, beauty and peace are abundantly available to all.

In faith we pray.

Amen.

Sung Response

Always With Me

Always with me! I can never stray beyond God's tender care, for our God is omnipresent, here and there and everywhere.

Yes, everywhere, and everywhere, here and there and everywhere.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Acts of the Apostles (6.1 – 5)

Rev Kevin Tisdol

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven people of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community...

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Sung Response

Now the Green Blade Rises

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain.

Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

The Acts of the Apostles (6.8-15; 7.58)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some...from Cilicia and Asia stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel...

Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him...

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

Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Fill us, God, with grace and power, for the sake of your love.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Today Is Your Day

Arranged by Shania Twain

Performed by Sara Burns

Homily

Grace and Power

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

Song of Response

Please rise as you are able.

Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive

You've got to ac-cent-u-ate the positive, e-lim-inate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, don't mess with Mister In-between.

You've got to spread joy up to the maximum, bring gloom down to the minimum, have faith or pandemonium li'ble to walk upon the scene.

We better ac-cent-u-ate the positive, e-lim-inate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, don't mess with Missus In-between.

No, don't mess with Missus In-between.

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Sign of Peace

I Come to the Garden Alone

You speak and the sound of your voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing; and the melody that you give to me within my heart is ringing.

And you walk with me, and you talk with me, and you tell me I am your own, and the joy we share we as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"The cultivation of generosity is the beginning of spiritual awakening." Sharon Salzberg

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

Amazing Grace

Arranged by Johan Kim

Performed by Edwin Neimann

Rise as you are able.

Doxology

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.*

Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Kevin Tisdol

We Remember

Joe Lowman	04/18/1993	Peter Lakomski	04/23/1998
Robert Zurcher	04/18/2004	Alain Larue	04/23/1999
Lain Benjamin	04/18/2012	Brian Like	04/23/1999
Arthur Green	04/19/1993	Carlos Diaz	04/23/2002
Loyd Fraim	04/19/2005	Carolyn Grace King	04/24/2006
Victor Houck	04/21/1994	Ken Sasser	04/24/2017
Rex Owens	04/23/1997		

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

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.*

One: Spirit of Community, in which we share and find strength and common purpose, we turn our minds and hearts toward one another seeking to bring into our circles of concern all who need our love and support: those who are ill, those who are in pain, either in body or in spirit, those who are lonely, those who have been wronged. We call to mind leaders of nations. We seek to bless our Sunshine Cathedral and all who have requested our prayers. We remember also our (+) dearly departed, thankful that they live on in our hearts and love. We are part of a web of life that makes us one with all humanity, one with all the universe. We are grateful for the miracle of consciousness that we share, the consciousness that gives us the power to remember, to love, to care. And with people all over the world we pray –

All: May peace prevail on earth.

These prayers we offer in the spirit of Jesus, son of Mary, and as he did we continue to pray:

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

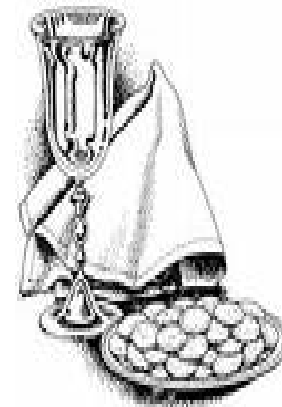
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Invitation to Communion

Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Communion is Shared



Communion Songs

I Love Myself the Way I Am

*I love myself the way I am, there's nothing I need to change.
I'll always be the perfect me, there's nothing to rearrange.
I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and
I love myself just the way I am.*

*I love you, the way you are, there's nothing you need to do.
When I feel the love inside, it's easy to love you.
Behind your fears, your rage and tears, I see your shining
star, and I love you just the way you are.*

*I love the world the way it is, 'cause I can clearly see that
all the things I judge are done by people just like me.
So 'til the birth of peace on earth that only love bring, I'll
help it grow by loving everything.*

*I love myself the way I am, and still I want to grow, but
change outside can only come when deep inside I know:
I'm beautiful and capable of being the best me I can; and
I love myself just the way I am.*

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

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.*

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:

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah

We pray for the following ~ Anne K. (of blessed memory); John A.; Nancy; Lynn; Champion; Melody; CJ; Eddie; Von; Bill; Rick; Tim; Melissa; Anita; Carol W.; Ann; Giles N.; Paul R.; Scott Y.; Paul F. (of blessed memory); Emily & Brett; Tara & Sam; MLF; (Gilda's mother of blessed memory); Sedali; Dalise; Gilda; Betto; Sueli; Maiza; Martha; Terri; 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

Omnipresent Love enfolding, flowing through, and watching over every person we hold in prayer: in your Names we affirm blessings for these dear ones and we trust in grace equal to every need. May miracles take place in every life. May that which is highest and best be made manifest. Amen.

REMEMBER:

Prayers can be submitted via SunshineCathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

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



SunBurst News

KEEP IT COVERED

– Sunshine Cathedral asks that you continue to reserve your seat at Sunshinecathedral.org if you wish to worship onsite, and we ask that you wear a mask at all times while you are here. Hopefully we are in the last months of needing these protocols, but for the present time, we will continue to follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

7 DAY PER WEEK CHURCH

– Join us Sundays at 9 am or 10:30 am for worship on site (with reservations and masks) or online (10:30 am on Facebook or YouTube). Join us Mondays – Saturdays at Noon (Eastern) for Middy Prayer (Facebook live and on demand). Join us Monday evenings (6 pm Eastern, Facebook live or on demand) for Christians & Cocktails. Ask about our Pantry Food Sharing ministry on Wednesdays. Also ask about A Course in Miracles and our presence in Second Life. There are also various Recovery groups that meet on campus (with pandemic protocols). Sunshine Cathedral remains your 7 Day Per Week church.

HOUT TV

- Happening Out TV produces It's Happening Out (weekly), Gay Town Hall (weekly), Sunshine Cathedral Sunday Worship (weekly), and Queer News Tonight (weeknights) Happening Out Television Network is a streaming network that produces LGBTQ+ themed news and social programming. Look for Happening Out TV on Facebook and YouTube. The Network studio is now on the campus of the Sunshine Cathedral.

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April 20: Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein (1889 – 1938)

– Building on the ideas of Rabbi A. G. Moses (who believed the healing philosophy of Christian Science was compatible with Judaism and could be offered in a Jewish context), Lichtenstein and his wife Tehilla co-founded the Society for Jewish Science. Jewish Science sees God as a “force” or “energy”, practices visualization and affirmations in its healing work, and believes religion has a role to play in healing of mind and body. Unlike Christian Science, Jewish Science does not oppose the use of medicine when it is needed. Some of the Jewish Science beliefs were, overtime, embraced by other branches of Judaism. The Society for Jewish Science still offers services in their own building in NYC.

April 21: Thomas Parker Boyd (1864 – 1936)

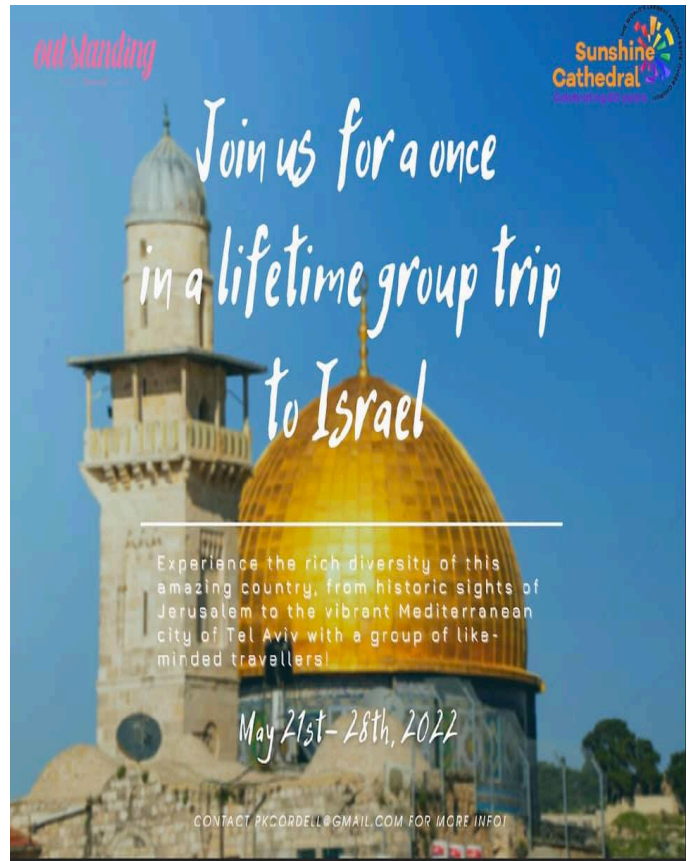
– Episcopal priest and psychologist. Founded the Society of the Healing Christ. Believed healing was part of the gospel message and should be practiced by the Church. Throughout his life he prayed for the sick and they would often recover. He was a member of the International New Thought Alliance.

April 23: Cesar Chavez (1927-1993)

—Farmworker. Raised in a family of Mexican-American migrant workers, Chavez transformed a local labor struggle into a moral cause that challenged the conscience of the nation. He was committed to absolute nonviolence, and was supported by many religious leaders. Inspired by a priest who gave him a passion for justice, and a community activist who taught him how to organize, he became the driving force in founding the United Farmworkers Union.

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY
By Father Richard Rohr

Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world. Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen.



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>Financial Data Snapshot from 11 April</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Weekly Generosity Income Needed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,797.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Generosity Income Received</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$9,742.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(\$1,055.56)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Per Capita Giving</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$25.22</td> </tr> </table> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Worship Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">158</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online Virtual Resourcing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">105,267</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food Shairing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">552</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org</i></p>	Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56	Generosity Income Received	\$9,742.00	Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$1,055.56)	Per Capita Giving	\$25.22	Worship Services	158	Online Virtual Resourcing	105,267	Food Shairing	552
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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

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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