

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*



*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All*

*A Positive Worship Experience*

*Today's Theme*

*Skin in the Game*

*Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Dr Anne Atwell

**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**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.*

*Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, your great Names we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might.*

*Your justice like mountains high soaring above, your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Your life is lifegiving – to both great and small; in all life you're living, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers, then wither and perish – but naught dims your powers.*

*Great Mother of glory, pure Father of light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we now render as your angels do: in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.*

### **Opening Prayer**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

God is with you.  
*And also with you.*

Let us pray. That we may be strengthened by divine grace for the tasks of this week.  
*God have mercy.*

That those who are in need will be helped and comforted.  
*Christ have mercy.*

That people of goodwill everywhere will seek peace and justice,  
*God have mercy. 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 (15.1-2, 4b-5, 7-11)**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Some men came to Antioch from Judea. They began teaching the non-Jewish brothers: "You cannot be saved [liberated, healed thoroughly] if you are not circumcised. Moses taught us to do this."

Paul and Barnabas were against this teaching and argued with the men about it. So the group decided to send Paul, Barnabas, and some others to Jerusalem. There they could talk more about this with the apostles and elders.

Paul, Barnabas, and the others told about all the things that God had done with them. But some of the believers who had belonged to the Pharisee group came forward. They said, "The non-Jewish believers must be circumcised. We must tell them to obey the law of Moses!"

There was a long debate. Then Peter stood up and said, "Friends, you know what happened in the early days. God chose me from among you to preach the Good News to the non-Jewish people. They heard the Good News from me, and they believed. God, who knows the thoughts of all people, accepted them. God showed this to us by giving them the holy Spirit, just as God have the Spirit to us.

To God, those people are not different from us... So now why are you testing God? You are putting a heavy load around the necks of the non-Jewish brothers... But we believe that we and they too are liberated by grace [as Jesus taught].

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 Gospel According to Luke (2.30-32a)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

I have seen for myself how God will save us.  
Now all people can see the plan. There is a light that will  
show God's way to all peoples.

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

### **Prayer**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Dear God, let us believe and proclaim that all people  
have sacred value. Your love will never exclude anyone  
for any reason. And so we rejoice.

All: *Alleluia! Amen.*

***Please be seated.***

### **The Anthem**

#### ***This Is Me***

By Benj Pasek and Justin Paul  
Performed By Sara Burns

### **Homily**

*Skin in the Game*

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

### **Song of Response**

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

*High Hopes*

*Just what makes that little old ant  
Think she can move that rubber tree plant  
Anyone knows an ant, can't  
Move a rubber tree plant  
But she's got high hopes  
She's got high hopes  
She's got high apple pie  
In the sky hopes  
So any time your gettin' low  
'Stead of lettin' go  
Just remember that ant*

*Oops, there goes another rubber tree plant  
Oops, there goes another rubber tree plant  
Oops, there goes another rubber tree plant.*

*Once there was a silly old ram  
Thought he'd punch a hole in a dam  
No one could make that ram, scam  
He kept buttin' that dam  
'Cause he had high hopes  
He had high hopes  
He had high apple pie  
In the sky hopes  
So any time you're feelin' bad  
'Stead of feelin' sad  
Just remember that ram*

*Oops, there goes a billion kilowatt dam  
Oops, there goes a billion kilowatt dam  
Oops, there goes a billion kilowatt dam.*

## **Sign of Peace**

*O For a World*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love  
will cease.*

## **Service of Sacraments**

### **Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)**

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

#### **Stewardship Thought**

*"Giving...is one of the surest ways to verify within your  
own consciousness that God is the source of your supply,  
and to establish a link with that supply itself."*

*Rev. John W. Adams*

#### **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**

***Sonata in F Minor, Op. 2, No. 1.... Beethoven***  
***I. Allegro***

Edwin Neimann, piano

***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**

Ron Bulpin	05/02/1988	Harry Nelson	05/06/1990
Scott Carter	05/03/1994	Pat Angell	05/06/1996

#### **Rainbow Candle I & II are Lit Today**

In Memory of

Terrell Atwell  
May 7, 2017

by  
Rev Dr Anne Atwell and Amy W Walker

#### **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: Let us pray for those who are ill in mind or body, for those who grieve or who struggle with fear, for those who are lonely and for those who have been wronged.

Let us pray for leaders of nations.

Let us pray for those who contribute to and those who depend on the ministries of the Sunshine Cathedral.

Let also remember our (+) dearly departed.

Source of life and miracles, protect us and all whom we hold in prayer; keep us from harm.

Source of compassion and hope, bless us with healing; surround us with love.

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**

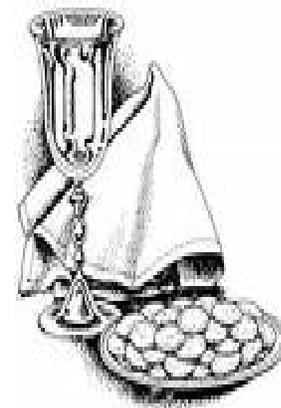
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

#### **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 can 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 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**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

### **Final Song**

*Take the Light That is Within You*  
Tune: Take the Name of Jesus With You  
Words: Durrell Watkins 2021

*Take the Light that is within you, banish sorrow and all woe;  
It will strength and comfort give you, take it everywhere  
you go.*

*Inward Light, O how bright! Full of hope and lasting joy;  
Inward Light, O how bright! Full of hope and lasting joy.*

*Krishna, Buddha, and our Jesus, prophets, poets, artists,  
too, Doctor King, Mother Teresa let it shine as we must do.  
Inward Light, O how bright! Full of hope and lasting joy;  
Inward Light, O how bright! Full of hope and lasting joy.*

*Know the Light that is within you is a Spark of none but  
God. We have sacred value always, our true worth cannot  
be robbed.*

*Inward Light, O how bright! Full of hope and lasting joy;  
Inward Light, O how bright! Full of hope and lasting joy.*

### **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:

*"Love will immediately enter into any mind that truly  
wants it." A Course in Miracles*

### We pray for the following ~

*Giles N.; Paul R.; Scott Y.; Paul F. (of blessed memory);  
Emily & Brett; Tara & Sam; MLF; Anita; Carol W.; Ann;  
Melody; CJ; Champion Gilda's mother (of blessed  
memory); Nancy; Lynn; Helen (of blessed memory);  
Elizabeth; Caroline & Felipe G.; Elijah N.; Mary and those  
for whom she is concerned; Sedali; Dalise; Gilda; Betto;  
Sueli; Maiza; Martha; Terri; Sloan & Sadie; Harrison;  
Maria; Harry S.; Shawna; medical practitioners; those  
who have been infected with or affected by COVID  
19; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities;  
LGBTQ+ communities; Troy P.; Global Justice Institute;  
DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral;*

### LET US PRAY

*May we live in the joy of grace.*

*May we be generous and encouraging.*

*May we love ourselves so much that we naturally love  
others.*

*May the love we share fill our world with hope and  
healing.*

*May those for whom we pray know they are loved now  
and always.*

*Amen.*



# SunBurst News

## STAY THE COURSE

– Sunshine Cathedral asks that you continue to reserve your seat at [Sunshinecathedral.org](http://Sunshinecathedral.org) if you wish to worship onsite, and we ask that you wear a mask at all times while you are here. We have increased seating capacity to 30% and will increase to 50% in the near future. We very much hope to be back to 100% capacity by Christmas. We ask that everyone consider getting a COVID vaccination. For as long as is prudent, we will continue to follow safety protocols 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 Midday 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.

## FOOD SHARING PROGRAM

- The first Sunday of every month is Loaves and Fishes Sunday. Please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food items. All donations are greatly appreciated and make a big difference in people's lives.

## 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.

## FOLLOW AND SUBSCRIBE

- We invite you to Follow Sunshine Cathedral on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel. And if our ministry has been a blessing to you, please tell others about the Sunshine Cathedral.

## HOUT TV

- Our Sunday broadcast is made possible by Happening Out Television Network and donors who support our televised ministry. Happening Out is a streaming network that produces LGBTQ+ themed news and social programming. You can find them on Facebook and YouTube. Their studio is on the campus of the Sunshine Cathedral.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

### May 3: Apostle Philip

– Chosen by Jesus, the Apostle Philip should not be confused with Philip the Deacon.

### May 4: David S. Alkins (1922 – 2015)

– Was an Episcopal priest (graduate of both New England Conservatory of Music and Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University) who served parishes in Texas and Washington state as well as working with various non-profit agencies. In 1979 he became the Dean of Brooks Divinity School (named for Nona Brooks, it was a Divine Science ministry school in Denver) and received an honorary doctorate in 1987. His two small publications were "Bridge Builders of Truth" and Jesus the Way Shower.

### May 6: Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

—Naturalist and social critic. While his writings were largely ignored in his lifetime, Thoreau's thoughts on social justice, freedom, and civil disobedience were to later influence Tolstoy, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King. A fiercely independent nonconformist, he followed no particular religion, but has been described as something of a Taoist sage. His mystical rapture with nature speaks to us today in our ecological concerns. Some historians speculate that Thoreau may have been gay.

### May 8: Blessed Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

—Mystic. Few details are known of the life of Dame Julian, a recluse who was famed as a spiritual counselor. She is best known for writing Revelations of Love Divine, the first book written in English by a woman. At the age of 30 she became gravely ill, but recovered following a series of visions of Christ. She spoke of God as our Creator, Protector, and Lover, and wrote of the motherhood of both God and of Jesus, emphasizing the goodness of creation and God's mercy toward the weak. "As truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our Mother." She is often called "Blessed" even though she was never formally beatified.

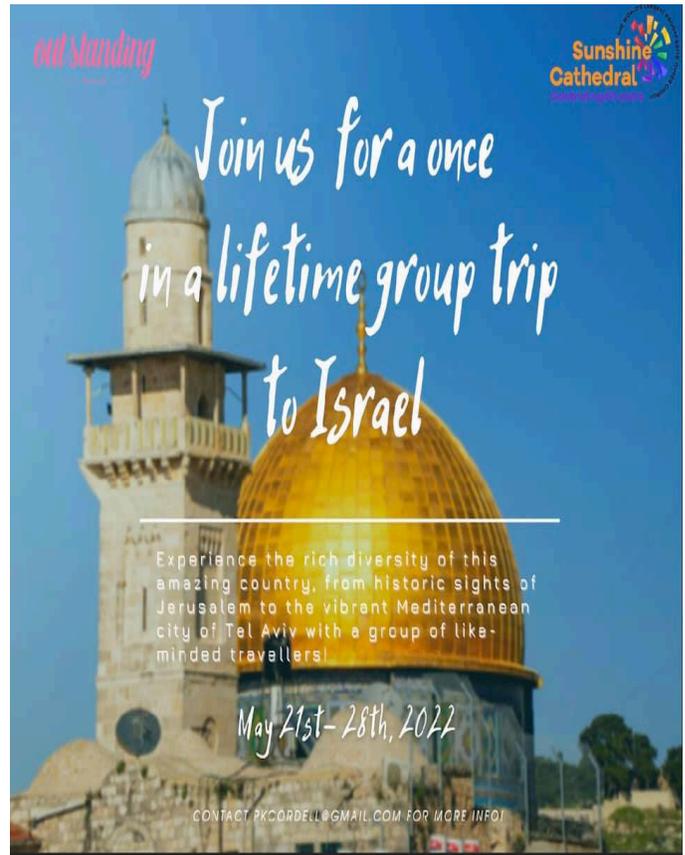
**EASTERTIDE: A SEASON OF MIRACLES**  
**from Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins' 2021**  
**Easter Sunday Sermon**

“Why are you looking for the worst? Why not look for a miracle?! What we look for, we tend to find.

Illness is scary, grief hurts, it can be overwhelming when the ends don't seem to meet, betrayal can be crushing, family rejection can be devastating, being the target of homophobia or transphobia or racism can be exhausting, but dare to believe in yourself, to love yourself, to demand blessings in spite of or even in the midst of the challenges. To find joy or hope in certain circumstances might take a miracle. Easter, named for a pagan spring goddess, is a time for miracles.

Guru Osho Rajneesh, also known simply as Osho, famously taught, “Be realistic; plan for a miracle!”

...Share your miracle. Someone needs to know that miracles are not an endangered species. And don't get discouraged if others can't celebrate with you just yet. They will if and as they are ready. But you go ahead and celebrate right now. Why look for the worst when miracles are possible?”



**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.

<i>Sunshine Cathedral Financial Information</i>															
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# The Cathedral Staff

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## Executive Leadership Team

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Rev. Robert Griffin, DMin, Executive Minister  
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Rev. Kevin Tisdol, Minister of Education  
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Ms. Barbara Ramcharitar, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Organist

## Artists-in-Residence

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Edwin Neimann, Pianist  
Cheryl Barth, Assistant Pianist  
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Phil McChesney, Handbell Director  
Kurt Litzenberger, Set/Sound & Lighting

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Phil McChesney  
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## Bereavement Support Group

*Each of us mourns the death of a loved one differently.*

*Many find comfort in sharing the pain, anger, depression and other emotions they feel following a loss.*

*For group schedule and information please contact Rev Dr Anne Atwell  
[Anne@SunshineCathedral.net](mailto:Anne@SunshineCathedral.net)*

## 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

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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