

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*



*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All*

*A Positive Worship Experience*

*Today's Theme*

*Is Grace too Good to be True?*

*Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2021*

*Happy Mother's Day*

*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**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us free our hearts for faith and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's waring madness; bend our pride to your control. Shame our reckless selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage make our broken spirits whole, make our broken spirits whole.*

*Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ like graces in the fight to set us free.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.*

## **Opening Prayer**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

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**

### **From Paul's Letter to the Galatians**

(1.13-17; 2.11-14a) read by Rev Dr Anne Atwell

You have heard about my past life... I persecuted the church of God very much. I tried to destroy it.

I was becoming a prominent religious leader. I did better than many my own age. I tried harder than anyone else to follow the traditions we got from our ancestors. But God graciously chose me. It pleased God to let me see and know the Christ so that I could tell the Good News about Christ to gentiles. I immediately prepared to do this work without asking for advice or help from anyone. I did not go to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was. But, without waiting, I went away to Arabia. Later, I went back to the city of Damascus.

When Peter came to Antioch, he did something that was not right. I stood against him, because he was wrong. This is what happened: When Peter first came to Antioch, he ate and associated with the non-Jewish people. But when some Jewish men came from James, Peter separated himself from the non-Jews. He stopped eating with them, because he was afraid of those who believe that all non-Jewish people must get circumcised [in order to fully join our faith community]. So Peter was a hypocrite. Others joined with him, so they were hypocrites too. Even Barnabas was influenced by what these people did. They were not following the truth of the Good News. When I saw this, I [challenged] Peter in front of everyone...

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 (18.9-11, 13-14)**

There were some people who thought they were very good and looked down on everyone else. Jesus used this story to teach them:

“One time there was a Pharisee and a tax collector. One day they both went to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee stood alone, away from the tax collector. When the Pharisee prayed, he said, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not as bad as other people...I thank you that I am better than this tax collector...’

“The tax collector stood alone too. But when he prayed, he would not even look up to heaven. He felt very humble before God. He said, ‘O God, have mercy on me...’

I tell you, when this man finished his prayer and went home, he was right with God. But the Pharisee, who felt that he was better than others, was not right with God. People who make themselves important will be made humble. But those who make themselves humble will be made important.”

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

*Thanks be to God.*

**Prayer**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: Dear God, we are all precious to you. Let us believe in our goodness without denying the innate goodness of others. Let us celebrate that we are all the beloved children of God.

All: *Alleluia! Amen.*

***Please be seated.*****The Anthem***Broken Ladders*

By Alan Hall, Amy Perry, and Todd Smith  
Performed By Sara Burns

**Homily***Is Grace Too Good To Be True?*

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, scram  
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**

*“Those who give offerings of gratitude honor God.”  
Psalm 50.23*

**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**

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
William Walker's Southern Harmony  
Performed By Barbara Ramcharitar

***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**

Jeannette Murphy	05/11/1983	Kevin Friel	05/14/2015
Paul Deiters	05/12/1987	Phillip Herbert	05/15/1992
Chuck McGlynn	05/13/1991	Larry Collins	05/15/1994
Woody Cooper	05/13/1995	Gene Kelly	05/15/2007
Jim Rieck	05/13/2006	Judy Kiser	05/15/2016
Phil Coleman	05/13/2009	Karl Lutgens	05/15/2020

#### **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 Durrell Watkins

#### *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**

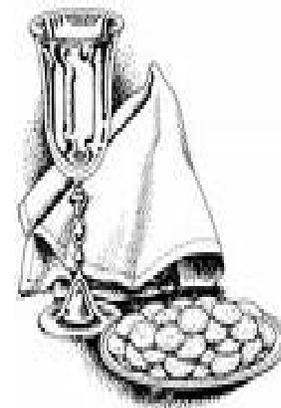
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

#### **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

## SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

### Centering Thought:

"Serenity reflects a continuing inner trust in God."  
Sister Joan Chittister

### 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.; Lue (of blessed memory); DeWayne;  
the Davis family; Mark M.; Shawna; communities trying  
to gather safely; medical practitioners; all who have been  
burdened by the pandemic; those in nursing care and  
assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Troy P.;  
Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the Sunshine Cathedral;

### LET US PRAY

Source of life, Ground of being ~

You are perfect love.

You are wisdom.

You are power.

You are everywhere, fully present.

Of course we trust you with our needs, our deepest  
desires,

our cherished loved ones, our hopes, our lives.

We are part of you, and you express through us.

Your goodness is infinite.

Bless all who are on our hearts today.

Give them peace; give them joy.

Grant us all grace equal to every need.

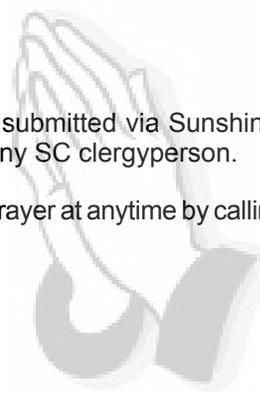
We pray in faith.

Amen.

### 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)



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# SunBurst News

## **Sunshine Cathedral Set to Reopen Fully for Worship Under New CDC Guidelines on May 23, 2021**

In March of 2020 Sunshine Cathedral closed to public worship for 12 weeks due to the coronavirus pandemic. During those 12 weeks, in partnership with Happening Out Television Network (HOUT TV), Sunshine Cathedral offered weekly services and daily programs, online (website, Facebook, and YouTube).

When Sunshine Cathedral reopened, under the CDC Guidelines and our internal protocols, in person attendance was limited to 25% of seating capacity. Recently, it increased to 35%.

The past week the CDC issued a new set of guidelines which allows for Houses of Worship to reopen to full capacity with a mask mandate.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/chart-cdc-new-mask...>

To move Sunshine Cathedral into the next phrase, we will be initiating the following on May 23, Pentecost Sunday, exactly one year after our initial reopening.

Reservations will no longer be required beginning May 23, 2021. However, you must sign in at the door by providing your name, phone number and email address (we still need to be able to track in case conditions change).

Masks will be required at all times.

Anyone fully vaccinated is encourage to attend. We also encourage everyone who is able to get vaccinated.

Anyone who has not been vaccinated, for health reasons or personal choice, is welcome to attend but if they are uncomfortable doing so, our online services will continue.

A section will be available for those who would like to attend but maintain a level of social distance.

We will continue to live stream the 10:30am service on the Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Page and Sunshine Cathedral YouTube Channel.

Additionally:

Worship service will remain as is ("self-serve" communion, no anointing, only 2 people at the altar celebrating communion, hand sanitizer for entry and exit, etc.).

The Choir will not return until much later, per CDC recommendations.

As we move into this next phrase, we ask that you continue to pray for your Sunshine Cathedral and our world.

## **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.

## **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY**

– Happy Mothers Day to mothers and nurturers and caregivers! God bless all who nurture us in life.

## **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.

**Join us on Mondays for Christians & Cocktails (6 pm EASTERN, Facebook).**

**Pray with us daily at Noon EASTERN on Facebook: Midday Prayer**

**ON PENTECOST SUNDAY  
BE PREPARED TO HEAR SOME  
EXCITING NEWS ABOUT  
SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL'S MINISTRY**

## **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**May 12: J. Krishnamurti (1895 – 1986)** - born in India and adopted by Theosophist Dr. Annie Besant. Dr. Besant declared that Krishnamurti would become a global teacher whose coming had been predicted by Theosophists. The Order of the Star in the East was formed and the young Krishnamurti was to be its head. But in 1929, Krishnamurti renounced the role that was prophesied for him and dissolved the Order. For the next six decades he traveled around the world speaking to large audiences (as a global teacher after all!) about the need for a change in humankind. Rather than promoting any particular religion, he simply spoke of our universal longing for happiness and the need to release internal anger and fear which keep that happiness from us. He understood both the power of the mind and of contemplative spirituality.

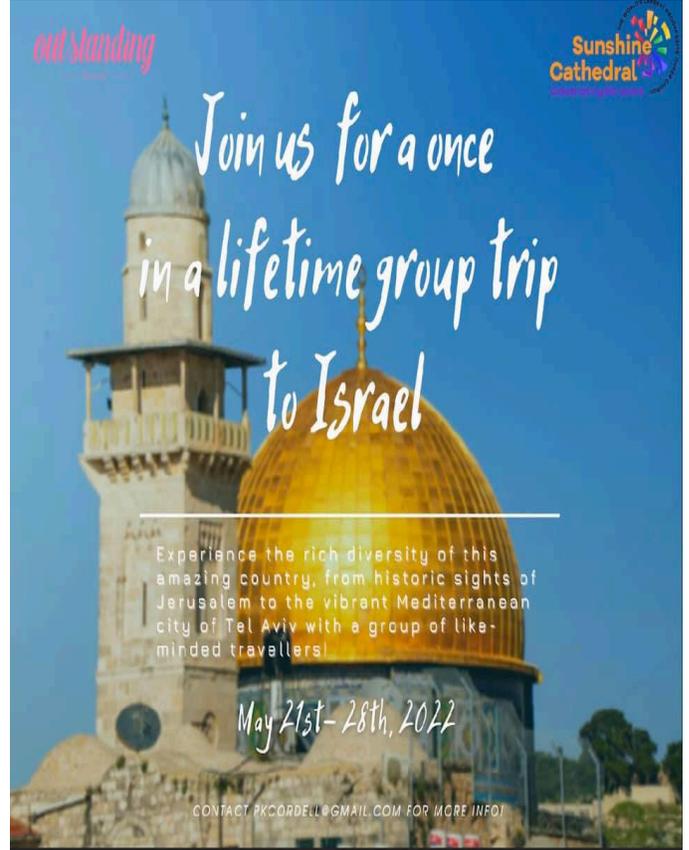


**Happening OUT Travel & Sunshine Cathedral  
April 19 - May 2, 2022**

Experience Rome - Assisi - Montecatini Terme -  
Tuscany - Venice - Florence - Villages of Cinque Terre  
- Lucca - Pisa - Tuscan Farms - Chianti - Siena - San  
Gimignano - Medieval Val d' Orcia, Montalcino Pienza  
and Montepulciano - Cortona

For more information please contact:  
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*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*



**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*

**Donating to Sunshine Cathedral**

**Venmo or CashApp**

**Venmo - @SunshineCathedral**

**CashApp - \$SunshineCathedral**

**Text to Give - 954.399.7333**

**Financial Data Snapshot from 2 May**

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
Generosity Income Received	\$9,673.51
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$1,124.05)
Per Capita Giving	\$26.44

Worship Services	152
Online Virtual Resourcing	57,723
Food Shairing	569

**Detailed information located at  
SunshineCathedral.org**

# 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  
Rev. Kurt Krieger, Seasonal Members Chaplain  
Rev. Marian Cavagnaro, Hospice Chaplain  
Rev. Ren Bell, Hospice Chaplain  
Rev. Lynda Pantoja, Interfaith Spirituality  
Rev. Margarita Rodriguez, Minister of Spiritual Companionship  
Rev. Nancy Davis, DD, A Course in Miracles  
Deacon Ed Huckemeyer, DD, Diaconal Minister of Pastoral Care  
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

**Officers of Sunshine Cathedral Board of Directors**  
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## Chair of Sunshine Cathedral Foundation

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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