

Welcome Home To Your . . .



Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

We Are One

Sunday, May 16th 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

I'm One with God

I'm one with God, God's one with me; I'm one with God, God's one with me. I'm one with God, God's one with me; I'm one with God, God's one with me.

I'm one with you, you're one with me; I'm one with you, you're one with me. I'm one with you, you're one with me; I'm one with you, you're one with me.

There is but One, and One is All; there is but One, and One is All. There is but one, and One is All; there is but One and One is All.

I'm one with peace; I'm one with love. I'm one with peace; I'm one with love. I'm one with peace; I'm one with love. I'm one with peace; I'm one with love.

I'm one with God, God's one with me; I'm one with God, God's one with me. I'm one with God, God's one with me; I'm one with God, God's one with me.

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

The Wisdom of poet Suzy Kassem

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

"One God, many faces.

One family, many races.

One truth, many paths.

One heart, many complexions.

One light, many reflections.

One world, many imperfections.

ONE.

We are all one,

But many."

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.

From Paul's Letter to the Galatians (3:1-9, 23-29)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you?...I just want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now completed in the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain, if it is indeed in vain? Does the One who supplies the Spirit to you and does miracles among you, do it by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith? Even so, Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness." Know therefore that those who are of faith are children of Abraham. The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Good News beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you all the nations will be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.

But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, confined for the faith which should afterwards be revealed. So that the law has become our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all children of God, through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise.

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

Thanks be to God.

Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

One: One Power, one Presence, one Life, one Love, one world, one universe. We are one with, forever part of, the One.

All: *Alleluia! Amen.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem

We Are One

By Christa Wells, Ellie Holcomb, and Trillia Newbell
Performed By Sara Burns

Homily

We Are One

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

Invitation to Prayer

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.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

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

*"Whatever I thankfully receive, as a token of God's love
to me, I part with contentedly as a token of my love to
God." Theophilus Gale*

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

Something Beautiful

By William J Gaither

Performed By Barbara Ramcharitar and 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

Lou Bevacqua	05/16/2001	Rosemary Anderson	05/18/2015
Jane Wynn	05/16/2015	Hector Torres	05/19/1990
Bob Zwicky	05/16/2019	Norman Pittenger	05/19/1997
John Goryca	05/17/1998	Gary Franck	05/20/1996
Norma Jalbert	05/18/1994	Nathan Tucker	05/21/1991
Jean Pyburn	05/18/2003	Don Easton	05/22/1995
Betty Ann Priscak	05/18/2010		

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: We pray for this nation and for the whole world.

We pray for the Sunshine Cathedral and for all seekers of Truth and meaning.

We pray for all who have known injustice, fear, pain, or want.

We prayerfully remember (+) our dearly departed.
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

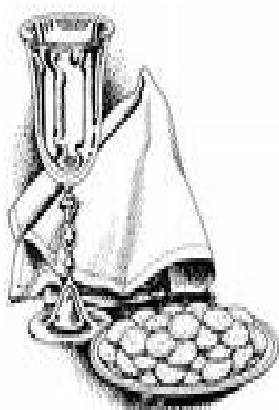
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

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:

"Love and faith cannot possibly be separated, for they constitute one and the same thing."
Emanuel Swedenborg

We pray for the following ~

Caroline & Felipe G.; Elijah N.; Mary and those for whom she is concerned; Sedali; Dalise; Gilda; Betto; Sueli; Maiza; Martha; Terri; CJ; Harrison; Maria; Harry S.; Nancy; Lynn; Emily & Brett; Tara & Sam; Sadie & Sloan; MLF; Anita; Carol W.; Ann; Lou (of blessed memory); DeWayne; the Davis family; Mark M.; Walt L.; Barbara; Mary B. (of blessed memory); Jeanne 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

*We hold these dear ones in the light of divine love.
We affirm blessings for each of them.
We give thanks for grace equal to every need.
We believe in and expect miracles.
And so it is.*

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

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.

PLEASE WEAR MASKS PROPERLY – We ask that masks cover mouth and nose at all times while we are gathered for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

May 16: Thomas Troward (1847-1916) – Judge (in India) and New Thought pioneer, Troward influenced such thinkers as Emmet Fox and Religious Science founder Ernest Holmes. Troward believed that “Belief in limitation is the one and only thing that causes limitation.”

May 17: Blessed Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947)—Ex-slave and nun. Born in the African nation of Sudan, at the age of nine Bakhita was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Eventually she was bought by a family who took her back to Italy. Upon hearing the gospel she understood that God meant for her to be free. She went to court to gain her freedom, and then discovered that slavery was illegal in Italy! She was then baptized and took religious vows as a nun. She spent her life serving others, and became famous for her quiet faith.

May 20: Tehilla Lichtenstein (1893 – 1973) – co-founder with her husband, Morris, of the Society for Jewish Science (a metaphysical interpretation and application of Judaism). She was born in Jerusalem and immigrated to the U.S. when she was eleven. After her husband, a rabbi, died, Tehilla took over the leadership of the Society for Jewish Science, making her the first Jewish woman in the U.S. with her own pulpit, even though she was never ordained a rabbi.

May 22: Rabbi Baal Shem Tov (1700-1760)—Founder of Hasidism. He proclaimed a mysticism of the everyday. In each task and moment there is a spark of the divine

holiness of God. The spirit in which one lives is more important than following a set of laws. Although most were murdered by the Nazis, vibrant Hasidic communities thrive today in Israel and the US.

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL TO REOPEN WITHOUT RESERVATIONS FOR WORSHIP 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%.

Recently 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. Masks must cover nose and mouth.

Anyone fully vaccinated is encouraged 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.).

At the sign of peace, we ask that you avoid touching at this time.

At the Lord's Prayer, you may hold hands with people in your family or "pod", but let's not yet take the hands of others.

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.

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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Join us for a once in a lifetime group trip to Israel

Experience the rich diversity of this amazing country, from historic sights of Jerusalem to the vibrant Mediterranean city of Tel Aviv with a group of like-minded travellers!

May 21st - 28th, 2022

CONTACT PKCORDELL@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO!

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 9 May

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
Generosity Income Received	\$12,326.82
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$1,529.26
Per Capita Giving	\$26.44
Worship Services	151
Online Virtual Resourcing	81,923
Food Sharing	518

Detailed information located at SunshineCathedral.org

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**

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**

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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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