

Welcome Home To Your . . .



Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Spirited

Sunday, May 23rd 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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

On Pentecost They Gathered

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire a glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as God in Christ they praised.

What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ once dead, is with us to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the holy Spirit on all of us today, on women, men, and children all in God's image made. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The Church formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.

O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit
be our goal and our strength,
now and always.

Amen.

Sung Response

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Holy Spirit, ever breathing on this church the breath of life; holy Spirit, ever striving through your people's ceaseless strife; holy Spirit, ever forming in our church the mind of Christ: in our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts unpriced.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

From Paul's Letter to the Galatians (4.7; 5.19-26)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

You are a child of God and heir of God with Christ! What [conditioned] human nature does is quite plain. It shows itself in immoral, filthy, and indecent actions; in worship of idols and sorcery. People become enemies and they fight; they become jealous, angry, and ambitious. They separate into parties and groups; they are envious, get drunk, have orgies, and do other things like these. I warn you now as I have before: those who do these things will not possess the Realm of God.

But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control. There is no law against such things as these. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have made their human nature dormant... The Spirit has given us life and must also control our lives. We must not be proud or irritate one another or be jealous of one another.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Sung Response

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

*Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God and inward Light, wake my spirit from its night.*

The Gospel According to Luke (11.11-13)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Would any of you who are parents give your child a snake when they ask for fish? Or would you give a scorpion when asked for an egg? You know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will our God in heaven give the holy Spirit to those who ask for It!"

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

Sung Response *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

*Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem *Fire Under My Feet*
By Tobias Gad and Leona Lewis
Performed By Sara Burns

Homily *Spirited*
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins, Senior Minister

Invitation to Prayer

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.*

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace *There is a Balm in Gilead*

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the hurting soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in
vain, but then the holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the hurting soul.*

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

*"Having received new life through the generosity of God...
let us give thankfully and abundantly that we may be
called God's generous people." June Christine Goudey*

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 *We Didn't Start the Fire*
By Billy Joel
Arranged by Andrew Wrangell
Performed by Edwin Neimann

Rise as you are able.

Doxology *We Are An Offering*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to
you, we are an offering.*

*God, use our voices, God, use our hands, God, use our
lives, they are yours, we are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be
we give to you, we give to you.*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to
you, we are an offering; we are an offering.*

Sacrament of Hospitality

Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

We Remember

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|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Derek Morris | 05/23/1995 | Steve Cardinal | 05/27/1991 |
| Rae Duran | 05/23/2006 | Bob Post | 05/27/1996 |
| Sherry Johnson | 05/23/2007 | Fredd Burleigh | 05/27/1998 |
| Alvio Ronquillo | 05/23/2015 | Anthony Bumbaca | 05/27/2017 |
| Clate Blake | 05/24/2005 | Richard Felty | 05/28/1991 |
| Jerald Downs | 05/25/1997 | Geri Ann Harvey | 05/28/2008 |
| Vincent Osterndorf | 05/25/2011 | Gary Corbitt | 05/28/2017 |
| Jay Stepp | 05/26/1996 | Kyle Tann | 05/29/2011 |
| John Strzelec | 05/27/1991 | | |

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

Prayer Chorus

Anointing

*Anointing fall on me. Anointing fall on me.
Let the power of the holy Ghost fall on me;
Anointing fall on me.*

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Let the power of the holy Ghost fall on me;
Anointing fall on me.*

Intercessions

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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 Durrell Watkins

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

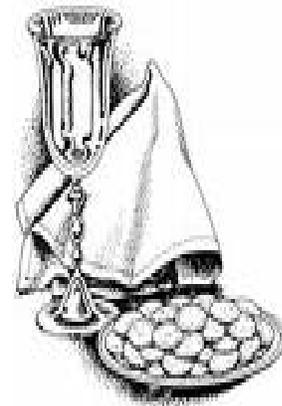
I Love Myself the Way I Am

*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 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

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos'.*

*Siyahamba,
siyahamba, oooo,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen(khanyen' kwen) khos'.*

*Siyahamba,
siyahamba, oooo,
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

*We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are marching,
we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of (the light of) God.*

*We are marching,
we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of God.*

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:

*"You are safe in God's pocket."
The prayer of a young Christian Scientist*

We pray for the following ~

Harrison; Maria; Harry S.; Anita; Carol W.; CJ; Mary and those for whom she is concerned; Gilda; Lou (of blessed memory); DeWayne; the Davis family; Mark M.; Tara & Sam; Sadie & Sloan; MLF; Ann; Elijah N.; Wick & family; Walt L.; Barbara; Mary B. (of blessed memory); Jeanne M.; Cindy & Richard; the nation of India; Nancy; Lynn; Emily & Brett; Ivette & RPH; Rozen; Layne; Darlene; JNK; Rosie; Gladys; Pete; Hildra; Leah; Brian; Sue & her parents; Shawna; Victoria (of blessed memory); Rob; Paul; Margaret;

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

Dear Friends who have been committed to the care of our prayers: We bless you in the name of the God who holds you, in whose image you are created, whose love will never leave you. We know and rejoice that you are safe in God's pocket. 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 IS NO LONGER REQUIRING RESERVATIONS FOR WORSHIP

- Reservations will no longer be required. 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. We will continue to live stream the 10:30am service on the Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Page and Sunshine Cathedral YouTube Channel. Communion is still "self-serve." Hand sanitizer is available at entrance and exit. 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 has not yet returned, but will in the future.

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.

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL IS A LOCAL AND GLOBAL SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

- Not only can people all over the world watch Sunshine Cathedral streaming worship and discussions, but as of today, people can, no matter where they live, take religious education courses, have access to life coaching and spiritual direction, can support the work of Sunshine Cathedral with tithes and prayers, and can even participate in various levels of leadership regardless of where they live. Last year, we had 5 millions viewers... we are now offering pathways for viewers to become fully active members of our church community. Wherever one lives, one can become a friend, a partner, or a member of Sunshine Cathedral. More information will be shared in the days and weeks to come.

WHAT IS PENTECOST? (Christianity.com) - If you go back and read the Old Testament, you will discover that Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. That's the Greek name. The Jews called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It is mentioned five places in the first five books — in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16. It was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June. There were several festivals, celebrations, or observances that took place before Pentecost. There was Passover, there was Unleavened Bread, and there was the Feast of Firstfruits. The Feast of Firstfruits was the celebration of the beginning of the barley harvest. Here's the way you figured out the date of Pentecost. According to the Old Testament, you would go to the day of the celebration of Firstfruits, and beginning with that day, you would count off 50 days. The fiftieth day would be the Day of Pentecost. So Firstfruits is the beginning of the barley harvest and Pentecost the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. Since it was always 50 days after Firstfruits, and since 50 days equals seven weeks, it always came a "week of weeks" later. Therefore, they either called it the Feast of Harvest

or the Feast of Weeks.

Modern Christians observe Pentecost as a holiday, not to celebrate a wheat harvest, but to remember when the holy Spirit [infused] the Church in Acts 2. The Spirit filled the Church with power... The account in Act 2 reports that... Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). "All of them were filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4).

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

May 24: Julia Seton Sears (1862-1950) - Founder of the New Civilization Church. She was a metaphysical teacher known to both Ernest and Fenwicke Holmes. She was both a metaphysical healer and also a medical doctor. Her books include Helpful Thoughts, The Science of Success, The Mystic's Goal, and The Key to Health, Wealth, and Love. She stated, "There is nothing in all the world but life! Even Death itself is only life acting inversely."

May 27: Prentice Mulford (1834 - 1891) - Author of Thoughts Are Things. One of the earliest New Thought pioneers (if not one of the better known). Mulford was a mystic who believed each person must discover Truth for himself or herself. His insights came more from reflection than from study. Some of his insights include: "To say a thing 'must be' is the very power that makes it" and "Every thought of yours is a real thing - a force." At only 57 he died peacefully without any apparent illness or pain.

May 28: John Macquarrie (1919 - 2007) - a former Presbyterian turned Anglican priest and theologian. He has been described as the most distinguished Anglican theologian of the second half of the 20th century. He taught at the University of Glasglow (where he earned his PhD), Union Theological Seminary in NYC, and the Graduate Theological Foundation. He loved and was fully committed to the Christian tradition while also affirming the legitimacy of other traditions and the need to learn from them (though he did not favor syncretism). About non-Christian religions he said, "I do not deny for a moment that the truth of God has reached others through other channels..."

Charles Ludlam (1943 – 1987) – Off-Broadway director, playwright, and actor who founded the Ridiculous Theatre Company in New York City in 1967. Not really religious, Ludlam all the same had a religious like devotion to his art and found spiritual strength, honesty, and empowerment from sharing his art. He was an openly gay man and in 1987 he died from AIDS related complications.

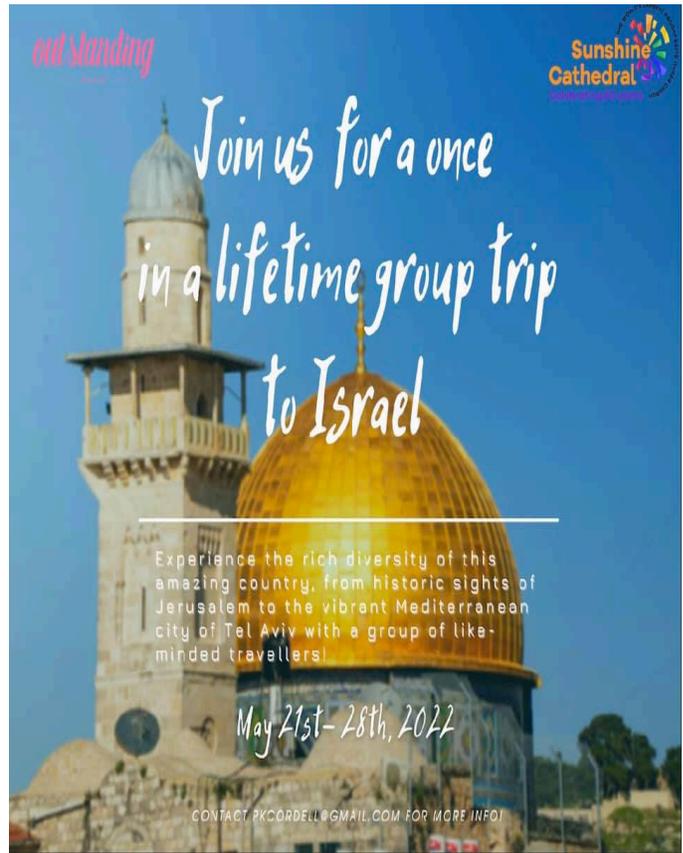
May 29: Baha'u'llah (1817-1892) – founder of the Baha'i Faith which focuses on the unity of God, religion, and humankind. Baha'is affirm the dignity of all people and the validity of most religions. They place a high value on peace and justice and oppose racism and nationalism. Baha'u'llah believed God became especially present in various ages in the lives of select prophets, including Buddha, Jesus, and Mohammad. Baha'u'llah believed himself to be a prophet (and the one specifically foretold by the Bab), which would make him, also, a divine manifestation. He and his followers were persecuted for their beliefs and Baha'u'llah died in prison.

**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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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 16 May

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Generosity Income Needed | \$10,797.56 |
| Generosity Income Received | \$10,196.58 |
| Our Abundance and/or (Need) | (\$600.98) |
| Per Capita Giving | \$24.95 |

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| Worship Services | 130 |
| Online Virtual Resourcing | 83,625 |
| Food Sharing | 538 |

Detailed information located at
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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*

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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