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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Sacred Serenity

Sunday, September 19th 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

How Like a Gentle Spirit

*How like a gentle spirit deep within
God reins our fervent passions day by day,
And gives us strength to challenge and to win
Despite the perils of our chosen way.*

*Let God be God wherever life may be;
Let every tongue bear witness to the call;
All humankind is one by God's decree;
Let God be God, let God be God for all.*

*God like a mother eagle hovers near
On mighty wings of power manifest;
God like a gentle shepherd stills our fear,
And comforts us against a peaceful breast.*

*When in our vain pretensions we conspire
To shape God's image as we see our own,
Hark to the voice above our base desire;
God is the sculptor, we the fashioned stone.*

*Through all our fretful claims of sex and race
The universal love of God shines through,
For God is love transcending style and place
And all the idle options we pursue.*

The Decalogue

9AM – Rev. Marian Cavagnaro
10:30 – Rev. Margarita Rodriguez

Let us recall the commandments by which we seek to live:
1. *Worship nothing other than the omnipresent, eternal God.*

2. *Do not try to confine God to any image.*

3. *Do not use God's name in hurtful or hateful ways.*

4. *Remember a day each week for worship and renewal.*

5. *Honor your elders.*

6. *Do not murder.*

7. *Do not break sacred vows.*

8. *Do not steal.*

9. *Do not bear false witness against anyone.*

10. *Do not begrudge whatever good fortune your neighbor may enjoy.*

St. Paul taught that love is the fulfillment of the law. Jesus said that loving God and neighbor is the message of the law and the prophets. We keep the commandments when we live in love. May the world know us by how loving we are.

Amen.

Sung Response

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amore, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

*Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity;
God will dwell with you.*

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

A Reading from the Letter from James (3.16-18)

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there will be confusion and every kind of evil. But the wisdom that comes from God is like this: First, it is pure. It is also peaceful, gentle, and easy to please. This wisdom is always ready to help people who have trouble and to do good for others. This wisdom is always fair and honest. People who work for peace in a peaceful way get the blessings that come from right living.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from Mark's Gospel (9.33-37)

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

Jesus and his followers went to Capernaum. They went into a house, and Jesus said to them, "I heard you arguing on the way here today. What were you arguing about?" But the followers did not answer, because their argument on the road was about which one of them was the greatest.

Jesus sat down and called the twelve apostles to him. He said, "Whoever wants to be the most important must make others more important than themselves. They must serve everyone else."

Then Jesus took a small child and stood the child in front of the followers. He held the child in his arms and said, "Whoever accepts children like these in my name is accepting me. And anyone who accepts me is also accepting the one who sent me."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sung Response

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated.

The Anthem

We Can Be Kind
By David Friedman
Performed By Jessica Bianco Borbone

Homily

Sacred Serenity
Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Song of Response

The Prayer of Faith

God is my help in every need; God does my every hunger feed; God walks beside me, guides my way through every moment of the day.

I now am wise, I now am true, patient, kind, and loving, too. All things I am, can do, and be, through Christ the Truth that is in me.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Count Your Blessings

*When upon life's billows your seem tempest tossed,
when you feel discouraged, thinking all is lost,
count your many blessings, name them one by one,
and it will surprise you what our God has done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one; count
your blessings, see what God has done;
count your blessings, name them one by one; count
your many blessings see what God has done.*

*When your life seems empty, it is so untrue; there's a
mighty Presence making all things new.
Miracles take place wherever you may be, proving that
God's love is with you constantly.
Count your blessings, name them one by one; count
your blessings, see what God has done;
count your blessings, name them one by one; count
your many blessings see what God has done.*

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"I like to give willingly; when I give willingly, I enjoy it so much I give again." Anonymous

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

Try A Little Kindness
By Bobby Austin and Curt Sapaugh
Performed By Sara Burns

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 Kevin Tisdol

We Remember

John Hebert	09/19/2007	Dale Redford	09/22/2006
Danny Grasso	09/20/2001	Bill Watson	09/22/2007
Arthur C. Corey	09/20/2002	John McNeill	09/22/2015
Betty Eakins	09/20/2002	Constance Hebert	09/23/2007
Don Fitzpatrick	09/20/2005	Andy Sokatch	09/24/1987
Paul Harig	09/21/1994	Karl Vogler	09/25/1990
Jason McCord	09/22/1991		

Rainbow Candles are Lit Today

In Memory of

Judy Charrington - July 29, 2021
Shaniece Moss - September 5, 2021
Archbishop Carl Bean - September 7, 2021
Walt Lawrence - September 16, 2021
Bishop John Shelby Spong - September 19, 2021

Prayer Chorus

On Eagle's Wings

And God will raise us up on eagle's wings, bear us on the breath of dawn, make us to shine like the sun, and hold us in the palm of God's hand.

Affirmation of Faith 9AM – Rev. Marian Cavagnaro
10:30 – Rev. Margarita Rodriguez

Our hearts are set on God's loving presence. Let us affirm our trust in God.

*I believe in God, the Good,
and in the message and mission of God's anointed prophet,
Jesus the Wayshower
who was born of Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was executed for empowering the powerless and restoring
the dignity of the marginalized,
and yet he lives in our hearts and ministry.
I believe in the omnipresent power of divine Love, in the
Blessed Community,
in the sacred value of all people, and in life without end.
Amen.*

Song of Response *One Presence and One Power*

*There is only one Presence and one Power in the universe
and in me – God the good, God the good, God the good
omnipotent.*

Intercessions

9AM – Rev. Marian Cavagnaro
10:30 – Rev. Margarita Rodriguez

"In faith we now pray:
Omnipresent God,
We give thanks for grace equal to every need.
We know that you hold us and all who are dear to us in
tender love.
We trust that you are at work in our lives and in our world.
In your names we affirm blessings for all who are committed
to our prayers.
We ask you to be joyfully experienced in the ministry of
this church."

And with people all over the world we pray,
May peace prevail on earth.

Using the words of Jesus, 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

Sursum Corda

Rev Kevin Tisdol

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is joyful to live in gratitude.

It is right, good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Omnipresent, everlasting, all-loving
God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all
the company of heaven, we give you praise and glory:

Song

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs around are
raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus
praising, fill the heavens with joys aflame: holy, holy is
your name.*

Words of Remembrance

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a piece of bread,
gave thanks to God, broke it, and said, "This is my body...
When you share this bread, (+) remember me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup and said,
"This cup is God's new covenant, set in motion in my life.
Drink, and (+) remember me."

Song

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Invitation to Communion

Rev Kevin Tisdol

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

Communion is Shared

Communion Song

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.*

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

Higher Love

Commissioning

One: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin!
All: *Thanks be to God!*

Postlude

Ms Barbara Ramcharitar

SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Please hold these in the power of loving prayer:

Centering Thought: Centering Thought

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. O God, thy presence here is known: sufficient, peaceful, sure; we trust thy mighty power alone, and dwell with thee secure."

Isaac Watts & Christina Hovemann

We pray for the following ~ Claudia G.; Michelle; Keith M.; Janitza & Manuel; David V.; Steve V.; Rick W.; Kathy & Alan; Bev & Mike; David; Cynthia; John K.; Michell; Eileen; Diane; Jackie; Malissia & Fonz; Brad; Mary B. & friends & family; Marilyn; Roberta's friend; Maureen; Laurie; Laurie's friend; Natasha; Melissa; Gary; Leslie; Ken; Anon; Mary B. & family; Beverly B.; Vinny; Fred; Guillermo; N.; Barbara; Rick (of blessed memory); Charlie; Rozen; Mark; Nana; Mark L.; Lindsley S.; Anne H.; Kathy K.; Elaite J.; Michael D.; Herb C.; Roy T.; Micki; Steve M.; Bill K.; Kyle H.; Elijah; AGW; MLF; Nancy; Karyn C.; Lenni; Ken's family; Teresa; Shirley; Daniel; Dayana; Emily; Christopher; Katherine; Danoira; Mary Ann; Kristen; All those in Ida's path; Victor; Jaycee; Lexi; Raj; Scott and family; Michelle; Scott; Paul (of blessed memory); RM; the ill & the food insecure; Rufus; friends in Louisiana; Betty Lynn; Emma; Ren; Lewis family; Kelli; Savanna; Marcin's dad; Christian H; Rick M; Michelle; Lily D & Family; Daniel F; Craig C; Danie F; Gio A; Andrew C; Chris; Nancy R.'s son; those on Laurie's heart; Joanie (of blessed memory); Kathy (of blessed memory); Margie's family; Connor; Matt; Emma; Katie; Sis; Gramma; Hildra; Heel; Dav and the Rice family; Cody; Doug B.; Trish; Jane; Debbie; Tyler; Freddy; Linda; Jack S. (of blessed memory); Carl B. (of blessed memory); Walt L. (of blessed memory); Michael; Michelle; Andrew & Daniel; Sammy; Gloria; Baby James & family; Gloria B.; Rosie & family; BRS; BK; MPT; John K.; Jacques & Craig; John B.; WB & Jeff; Judy; Sarah; Shawna; 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 ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship

LET US PRAY: *Aware of and secure in the universal presence of divine love, we bless all who have been entrusted to the care of our prayers, and we give thanks for grace equal to every need. Let miracles flow into every life. Let joy be experienced abundantly. Amen.*

REMEMBER: Prayers can be submitted via Sunshine Cathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

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

SunBurst News

October

50th Anniversary Events

3 October

Anniversary Concert: New Directions Chamber Musical
- Guest Artist: Joana Gonzalez, Piano
4PM - \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

9 October

Anniversary Reception

Sunshine Cathedral Foundation and Sunshine Cathedral
Gala Reception and Capital Campaign Kick-Off
6PM - \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

16 October

Anniversary Community Concert

Representatives from the Sunshine Cathedral Choir,
Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida, South Florida Pride
Wind Ensemble, NOVA Singers and Opera Fusion
7PM - \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

24 October

**Save the Date: 13th Annual Fort Lauderdale Edition
of the OUTshine LGBTQ+ Film Festival** - Details soon.

**If a ticketed event is cancelled due to COVID-19, a
refund must be requested within two weeks of the
event by email to Robert@SunshineCathedral.org.**



GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP - If you don't live in the Fort Lauderdale area but are finding Sunshine Cathedral to be a primary source of spiritual enrichment in your life, we invite you to consider joining the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship. You can learn about how you can become part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship by visiting SunshineCathedral.org

HELP NEEDED – We need more help with running worship slides. Those who wish to learn how to operate lights for worship are also needed. Training is provided and one need only be scheduled once every few weeks. It's a great help if you are available for both 9 am and 10:30 services on a given Sunday, but you can volunteer for just one time slot. For more information or to schedule a training on slides or lights, contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.org).

FOLLOW US - 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.

MASKS FOR WORSHIP – we are asking people to wear masks for worship at Sunshine Cathedral.

THANKSGIVING HARVEST CAMPAIGN - Sunshine Cathedral's annual Thanksgiving Harvest Campaign began Aug 15 and will last until November 21. We ask that you give \$99 above and beyond your regular financial gifts to the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral and to make that easy, we simply put aside one dollar per day for 99 days. Fill out a Harvest Campaign card. You can dedicate your gifts in the name of something or someone for which you are grateful. Thank you for your generous support.

CHRISTIANS & COCKTAILS - Join us on Mondays for Christians & Cocktails (6 pm EASTERN, Facebook) where a panel of lay and clergy leaders discuss religious questions asked by viewers. No question is off limits.

MIDDAY PRAYER - Pray with us daily at Noon EASTERN on Facebook. Staff clergy rotate Monday – Saturday to lead us in prayer.

TRAVEL PLANS DELAYED – one or more of our scheduled trips for 2022 may be rescheduled for a later date. More information available in the near future.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September 20: Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)—Priest and spiritual guide. After ordination in his native Holland, Nouwen taught in the US at Notre Dame, Yale and Harvard. He was drawn toward monastic life, and became one of the most popular and influential spiritual writers of our time. He is thought to have confided in friends about a same-gender loving orientation.

September 21: Apostle Matthew—Evangelist. Matthew was a tax collector, and as such was part of a group that was hated for being collaborators with Rome. Tradition says Matthew traveled to the East, but we really know nothing of his life and death. Matthew’s Gospel was probably written by an anonymous second generation Jewish Christian in a Greek community. ‘Matthew’ wrote the story of Jesus in a way that addressed the needs of the early church, a central concern to his gospel.

September 22: John J. McNeill (1925 – 2015) – POW (WW2), author, therapist, spiritual director, theologian. “Father John” held a PhD in Theology and was highly regarded in the field of “Queer Theology.” He was an “out” gay ministering to LGBTQ people and people living with HIV/AIDS. He co-founded a chapter of “Dignity” (a ministry to/for LGBT Roman Catholics) in NYC. He taught at Fordham University and Union Theological Seminary and wrote *The Church and the Homosexual*; *Taking a Chance on God: Liberating Theology for Gays, Lesbians, and Their Lovers, Families, and Friends*; *Freedom, Glorious Freedom: The Spiritual Journey to the Fullness of Life for Gays, Lesbians, and Everybody Else*; *Both Feet Firmly Planted in Midair: My Spiritual Journey*; and *Sex as God Intended*. For his gay activism, he was expelled (by then Cardinal Ratzinger, later to be known as Pope Benedict) from his Jesuit order. He remained a priest but was not allowed to say Mass in a Roman Catholic church. John had been a Jesuit for 40 years. He spent his last years in Fort Lauderdale, an active parishioner at the Sunshine Cathedral. His husband, Charlie Chiarelli, was by Father John’s side (as he had been for 46 years) when he died.

September 23: St. Padre Pio (1887 – 1968) – Pio was deeply religious even as a child. He also was very ill for much of his life. He had cancer which blessedly was cured with only two treatments, but other ailments such as arthritis would not be so miraculously relieved. He is the patron of Stress Relief. A famous saying of his is, “Pray. Hope. Don’t worry.” Many believed he exhibited the “Stigmata”. It has also been said that he predicted the rise of Pope John Paul II three decades before it occurred.

September 24: Uell Stanley (U.S.) Andersen (1917 – 1986) – self-help and inspirational writer. Andersen believed that the physical world is derived from the mental. He believed that a sustained mental image, backed by faith, would become real in the realm of experience. His writings include *Three Magic Words* and *The Magic in Your Mind*. Anderson taught: “Everything which you can conceive and accept is yours! Entertain no doubt. Refuse to accept worry or hurry or fear. That which knows and does everything is

inside you and harkens to the slightest whisper.” He was influenced by the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, Emmanuel Swedenborg, and Edgar Cayce.

St. Anna Alexander (circa 1865 – September 24, 1947) - was the first and only African-American consecrated a Deaconess in the Episcopal Church. She served in the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia during her entire career, and may be remembered in the Calendar of saints on September 24. Non-clerical deaconess were known from the time of the early Church through the 13th century and experienced a revival in the 18th and early 20th centuries and should not be confused with ordained deacons (whether women or men).

Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot from 12 September

<i>Weekly Generosity Income Needed</i>	\$10,797.56
<i>Generosity Income Received</i>	\$6,735.51
<i>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</i>	(\$4,062.05)
<i>Per Capita Giving</i>	\$21.41

<i>Worship Services</i>	139
<i>Online Virtual Resourcing</i>	91.883
<i>Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached</i>	516

*Detailed information located at
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Sunshine Cathedral Online Schedule

Sunday

Sunshine Cathedral Facebook Live
Sunshine Cathedral YouTube 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 & Housing Insecure Individuals)

Due to limited storage space, please bring items on designated Sundays only.

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 9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST)
 Sunday 5:00PM in *Second Life*

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