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Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

Let There Be Light

Easter 4 - Sunday, May 8th 2022

Happy Mother's Day

Service of Gathering

Welcome Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements Rev Kevin Tisdol

Please rise as you are able.

Introit Laudate Dominum

*Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum
omnes gentes, alleluia!*

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omnes gentes, alleluia!*

*Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord,
peoples! Nations! Alleluia!*

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Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation

Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where the past is past and the future has infinite possibilities.

The Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Service of Praise

Processional Hymn *When Peace Like a River*

*When peace like a river upholds me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
'It is well, it is well with my soul.'
It is well...with my soul...it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My fear – O, the bliss of this glorious thought –
my fear not in part, but the whole –
is vanquished and now I will bear it no more:
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well...with my soul...it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well...with my soul...it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Eastertide Litany
(by Sara Moores Campbell)

Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: In the tomb of the soul, we carry secret yearnings, pains, frustrations, loneliness, fears, regrets, worries.

All: In the tomb of the soul, we take refuge from the world and its heaviness.

One: In the tomb of the soul, we wrap ourselves in the security of darkness.

All: Sometimes this is a comfort. Sometimes it is an escape.

One: Sometimes it prepares us for experience. Sometimes it insulates us from life.

All: Sometimes this tomb-life gives us time to feel the pain of the world and reach out to heal others. Sometimes it numbs us and locks us up with our own concerns.

One: In this season where light and dark balance the day, we seek balance for ourselves.

All: Grateful for the darkness that has nourished us, we push away the stone and invite the light to awaken us to the possibilities within us and among us – possibilities for new life in ourselves and in our world.

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.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Christ's warm touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

The Wisdom of Nona Brooks

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

“Three weeks of study and treatment with [Emma Curtis Hopkins in Chicago] brought Mrs. Frank Bingham back to Pueblo radiant and with health and joy [whereas before, she had been quite ill]...Friends and neighbors began asking Mrs. Bingham to tell them what had brought about her transformation. Informal classes grew up in response to these requests; she gave in simple language what she had learned from Mrs. Hopkins. [My sisters and I] were always invited to these meetings, and knowing how much we needed what she was giving...we accepted. We were, as a family, in sad condition physically and financially...

I, myself, was in very poor physical condition, being able to eat only very soft, [specially] prepared food. For more than a year I had been praying almost constantly, ‘Give me light.’ On the Sunday before we were to start our new lessons with Mrs. Bingham, I attended my church, where during the communion service the song to be sung was, ‘nearer My God to Thee.’ I could not bring myself to sing the first stanza, ‘nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee, e’en tho’ it be a cross that raiseth me.’

I rebelled – I and my family had had all the crosses we could possibly bear. As the congregation sang I was filled with an inner turmoil, but as the song progressed I realized a complete surrender of myself and of the family conditions in order that I might be nearer to God and so I was able to sing the last stanza with the others.

It was during the fourth class lesson...with Mrs. Bingham that my whole being was completely filled with a great light

– a light brighter than sunlight, brighter than any I had ever seen. It filled me! It surrounded me! I was conscious of nothing but that intense white light! I thought that of course all in the room had seen the light too, but they had not. I alone had this wonderful experience. I discovered that I had been instantly and completely healed.

Tho' the actual healing was instantaneous, yet I truly believe that the months and months of praying that I might receive light had been a preparation for the healing which had actually come to me in the form of light."

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9.1-18)

Tara Sperry

Now, Saul, still breathing threats and violence against the Lord's disciples, went to...[Damascus]...

On his journey, suddenly a light from the sky flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you have to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood there speechless, for they had heard the voice but had seen no one. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was unable to see. Therefore, they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days, he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. In a vision, the Lord said to him, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the...house of Judas, and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying, and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he may regain his sight."

Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. Now he has come here [to cause trouble for] all who invoke your name."

However, the Lord said to him, "Go, for this is the man I have chosen as a vessel to bring my name before the Gentiles and their governments and before the people of Israel. I myself will show him how much he will have to suffer for the sake of my name."

And so Ananias went forth and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your way has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized."

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

Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

No Day But Today

There's only us, there's only this. Forget regret, or life is yours to miss. No other road, no other way, no day but today.

I can't control my destiny. I trust my soul, my only goal is just to be. There's only now, there's only here. Give into love, or live in fear. No other road, no other way, no day but today. No day but today.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Stand in the Light

by Stephan Moccio & Lauren Christy
performed by Sara Burns

Homily *Let There Be Light* - Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Invitation to Prayer

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Faith of the Heart

It's been a long road, getting from there to here.

It's been a long time, but my time is finally here.

And I will see my dream come alive at last.

I will touch the sky. And they're not gonna hold me down no more, no they're not gonna hold me down.

'coz I've got faith of the heart.

I'm going where my heart will take me.

I've got faith to believe I can do anything.

I've got strength of the soul, and no one's gonna bend or break me.

I can reach any star. I've got faith.

I've got faith, faith of the heart.

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace

Lean on Me

Some times in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow. Lean on me when you're not strong - and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow. But no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show. Lean on me when you're not strong - and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Just call on me dearest when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on. If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry, I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me. Lean on me when you're not strong - and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on; for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give."
Walt Whitman

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

Partifa no 2 in D Minor - Gigue

by J. S. Bach performed by Laura Gonzalez

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
Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

We Remember

Jeannette Murphy	05/11/1983	Jim Rieck	05/13/2006
Paul Deiters	05/12/1987	Phil Coleman	05/13/2009
Chuck McGlynn	05/13/1991	Kevin Friel	05/14/2015
Woody Cooper	05/13/1995		

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

Chorus - *May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well. May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.*

Intercessions Deacon Ed Huckemeyer

One: For the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and local congregation, for all who are on our prayer list, for our loved ones, for world and community leaders and for our own needs, let us pray:

All: We ask for divine blessings. We believe that miracles are possible. We give thanks for grace equal to every need.

One: 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

One: Referring to the Christian Mass, Thich Nhat Hanh said: "This piece of bread is the body of the whole cosmos. Look deeply and you notice the sunshine in the bread, the blue sky in the bread, the cloud and the great earth in the bread...What is not in a piece of bread? The whole cosmos has come together in order to bring to you this piece of bread. Eat it in such a way that you come alive, truly alive."

One: The Apostle Paul wrote, "Is not the cup of blessing that we bless a participation in the life of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf."

All: In remembrance of Jesus (+), we share cup and loaf, grape and grain, and we affirm Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Chorus

Taize Alleluia

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!*

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

There's a Call Comes Ringing

*Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound;
Send the light! Send the light!*

*And a Christ-like spirit everywhere be found,
send the light! Send the light!*

*Send the light!
The blessed gospel light; let it shine from shore to shore!*

*Send the light!
The blessed gospel light; let it shine forever more.*

*Send the light!
The blessed gospel light; let it shine from shore to shore!*

*Send the light!
The blessed gospel light; let it shine forever more.*

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

Raise You Up

Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Sunshine Cathedral's Intercessory Prayer

"Mother-Father God, we affirm blessings for all who are on the Cathedral's prayer list and for all who are on our hearts. We trust you to lead, guide, and direct each of us in the ways of happiness, well-being, and right action. We pray for those who hold authority in the nations of the world that they may be guided by wisdom and motivated by a love of justice and peace. We pray for our departed loved ones, (+) let light perpetual shine upon them. And with people all over the world we pray – may peace prevail on earth." Amen.

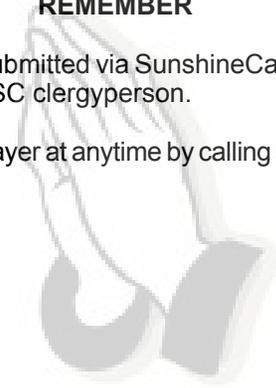
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Millie; Carter; Rhonda; Nicole; Rebecca; David; J. Dyer; Brenda I.; Angie A.; Victor V.; Gabriel P.; Gloria I. Samuel P.; David & Andrew; Virginia; Penny & Jonny; Paul; Momma Sarah; a friend; Naomi; Mark; David; Paul (of blessed memory); Donna; Mama Tullo; Gabby; Ben H.; Mama Dolores; Fay; Don; Cindy; Charlotte; Susan D.; Sadie; Donna C.; Judy L.; RS; Crystal (of blessed memory); DonnaChristine; Karen & Theodore (of blessed memory); Jackie; Kim; Diane; Danny & Roger; Thomas S.; CJ; Michael & Shawna; Jenny R; Lewis family; Sharon B.; Cody; Lexi; Jaycee; Mario; Corina (of blessed memory); Michael; MaryEmma; Sandra; Dorayne (of blessed memory); Mark (of blessed memory); Rodney; Kevin & Kelli; Eloise; Christine (of blessed memory); Mark; Elaine; Courtney; Jamie; Marc; David; Tom; Maureen; Thomas; Dotty; Sunshine Cathedral members and friends traveling in Italy; Janet; Scott; Heather; Kerry; Nona; Tim M.; Pat; Sherry; Dani; Kathy S.; All women in the U.S.; Daniel & Lawrence; Lewis family; Bill N.; JL; Richard C.; Cathy & Karen; Della; M. Boyde; Tim M.; Mark D.; Jason; Bill; The people of Ukraine; Troy & Phillip; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship

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Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

Financial Data Snapshot from 1 May

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$11,819.81
Generosity Income Received	\$5,309.01
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$6,510.80)
Per Capita Giving	\$24.49

Worship Services	236
Online Virtual Resourcing	89,714
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	0

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SunBurst Cathedral News

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of a family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world. We recognize birth mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, aunts and grandmothers who nurtured and cared for us, and even spiritual mothers who took us into their hearts at any point in our lives. Anyone who has parented or co-parented, regardless of gender, has probably embraced some of the roles traditionally associated with motherhood. And for those who never experienced good "mothering" or who have not yet had the chance to experience a form of motherhood, we give thanks that divine Love can be known to us as a universal and eternal Mother. Happy Mother's Day to all.

WELLNESS - At Sunshine Cathedral Square, you can receive Covid testing 7 days per week, STI testing twice per month (1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5 pm - 8 pm courtesy of Broward House), food assistance on Wednesdays (until about 1 pm), and grief support twice a month (contact Rev. Dr. Anne Atwell about the grief support group). Condoms are available in our restrooms, vaccinations are encouraged and hand sanitizer can be found at the doorways of the Worship Center.

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

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SAGE – Friendly Visitor Program for LGBTQ seniors at Sunshine Cathedral - the program has been under development and now has a coordinator: Mitchell Zahn. Welcome to Sunshine Cathedral SAGE and Mitchell Zahn.

CONTEMPORARY READING – Nona Brooks was a pioneer of the early Divine Science movement and the key leader of the movement after its original founder, Malinda Cramer, died. Nona Brooks experienced a profound spiritual healing in her life, came to understand God as a benevolent omnipresence, and ordained Emmet Fox who long after his demise remains a popular self-help and spirituality teacher through his many writings.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

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.

May 10: Ida B. Elliott (1862 – 1957) – Divine Science founder Malinda Elliott Cramer's niece. Ordained by Nona Brooks (the originator of the Divine Science teachings in Colorado and the de facto leader of the movement after Malinda's death) in 1907. Ida wrote books of her own, had a ministry in Oakland, CA, and contributed to *Mind Remakes Your World* (edited by Ernest Holmes).

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.



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