

Welcome Home To Your . . .



Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All

A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme

God is Good

Sunday, July 31st 2022

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Please rise as you are able.

Introit

God Who Fills the Universe

*God who fills the universe from the atom to the stars,
make firm my changeful heart so I may do my part
and bring joy to all the earth.*

*God who webs the universe with amazing mysteries,
make glad my fragile soul so I can see life whole
and bring hope to all on earth.*

*God who keeps the universe by the truths of living love,
make strong that love in me so I can set it free
and bring peace to all on earth.*

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

This is the day our God has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Service of Praise

Crucifer: Tito McWilliams-Ramos

Processional Hymn

O Life That Maketh All Things New

*O Life that maketh all things new, the blooming earth, our
thoughts within, our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew, in glad-
ness hither turn again.*

*From hand to hand the greeting flows, from eye to eye the
signals run, from heart to heart the bright hope glows; the
seekers of the light are one:*

*One in the freedom of the truth, one in the joy of paths
untrod, one in the soul's perennial youth, one in the larger
thought of God;*

*The freer step, the fuller breath, the wide horizon's grander
view, the sense of life that knows no death, the Life that
maketh all things new.*

Opening Prayer

Rev Kevin Tisdol

May the Source of strength who blessed the ones before
us help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing.
May the One who is the Source of all goodness continue
to bestow goodness upon us.
Amen.

Sung Response

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 bless-
ings 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.*

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

Wisdom of Sufi poet, Hafiz

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Cloak yourself in a thousand ways; still shall I know
you, my Beloved.

Veil yourself with every enchantment and yet I shall feel
you, Presence most dear, close and intimate.

I shall salute you in the springing of cypresses and in
the sheen of lakes, the laughter of fountains.

I shall surely see you in tumbling clouds, in brightly
embroidered meadows.

Oh, Beloved Presence, more beautiful than all the stars
together,

I shall trace your face in ivy that climbs, in clusters of
grapes, in morning flaming the mountains,
In the clear arch of sky.

You gladden the whole earth and make every heart
great.

You are the breathing of the world.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Wisdom of the Psalter (from Psalm 107)

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

O give thanks to the LORD, who is good; God's steadfast
love endures forever.

Some wandered in desert wastes...hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and God
delivered them from their distress;

Let us be thankful for the steadfastness of divine Love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with
good things.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and
consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

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

Thanks be to God.

Song of Response *Jazz Alleluia*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem *A Simple Song*

Music: Leonard Bernstein

Words: Stephen Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein

Performed By Aaron Ball, David Suarez, and
Jihong Park

Homily *God Is Good*

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus *Bless You for the Good That's In You*

Peggy Lee & Mel Tormé

*Bless you for the Good that's in you;
bless you every day.*

*There's some good in everybody;
we're just made that way.*

*Good morning, don't be miserable,
you're not as bad as you make out.*

*That frown don't sit right, get right up and shout. And
shout.*

*Bless you for the Good that's in you;
bless you every night.*

*If you shine like a love-light beacon
you'll make out all right*

*If any old trouble comes around today,
turn it around and chase it away.*

*Bless you for the good that's in
you, bless you every day*

*Bless you for the Good that's in you;
bless you every night.*

*If you shine like a love-light beacon
you'll make out all right*

*If any old trouble comes around today,
turn it around and chase it away.*

*Bless you for the good that's in
you, bless you every day*

Bless you every day!

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

Sign of Peace *Breath of Heaven*

*Breath of heaven
Hold me together
Be forever near me
Breath of heaven*

*Breath of heaven
Lighten my darkness
Pour over me your holiness
For you are holy
Breath of heaven
Breath of heaven
Breath of heaven*

Service of Sacraments

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"Giving first to God is an act of stewardship and an expression of faith." Chris Deets

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

Love Won't Give Up
By Christ Brown and Steve Furtick
Performed By Gabe Salazar

Rise as you are able.

Doxology *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;
from the night of anxious keeping, loose us in to generous
day. Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived
our human span, God, fulfill be young our dreaming, all
our stewardship began.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Noisy Offering - Benefits

Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry
Sunshine Cathedral Live Broadcast Ministry

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 - 9AM
Rev Dr Anne Atwell - 10:30AM

Final Song

Higher Love

Commissioning

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

Postlude

Barbara Ramcharitar

**Sunshine Cathedral Weekly
Financial Information**

Financial Data Snapshot from 24 July

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$11,819.81
Generosity Income Received	\$11,507.01
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$312.80)
Per Capita Giving	28.84
SC Square Worship Services	269
SC Global Fellowship	191,882
People at SC Square	3,900
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	608

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PRAYER LIST

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Prayer

Indwelling and everywhere present God: each person we hold in prayer is part of you and is forever embraced by the Love that you are; and so it is that each is abundantly and continuously blessed. Thank you, God. Amen.

REMEMBER

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



SunBurst Cathedral News

LIVE BROADCAST CLUB DONOR DRIVE – One of the most important things Sunshine Cathedral has done in recent years is to professionally stream our worship services and other events. In partnership with Happening Out Television Network, our Sunday services can now be seen on Facebook, YouTube, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Google TV, and Roku. This has taken a big investment of time, creativity, and financial resources and the payoff has been that during pandemic we never missed a service and those who experience our services multiplied exponentially. In 2020 Five Million people experienced Sunshine Cathedral, and in 2021 that number grew to 6 Million. People all over the world worship with us every week. Lives have been touched and changed, and people who have never been to Fort Lauderdale now depend on the encouragement and joy that our ministry offers. It's important and we are thrilled by the result.

In July, we are asking those who can and who appreciate what the broadcast ministry is achieving to make a special donation for this ministry. In addition to your regular giving, a gift of any size can help us continue to reach people all over the world with the progressive, positive, practical message that has enriched and empowered so many already. Your support is greatly appreciated, and it is making miracles happen in people's lives.

LOAVES & FISHES – Please bring non-perishable food items next Sunday to keep our food pantry well stocked. The first Sunday of each month we collect food for our food sharing ministry whereby we feed over 600 people every week. Your donations of non-perishable food is helping people in our community during difficult times in their lives.

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP – Those who don't live locally but who wish to be part of the Sunshine Cathedral community can learn about the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship by visiting SunshineCathedral.org

SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL CHOIR - When will it return? The short answer is, we don't really know. The newest goal is Autumn. This will be the 2nd attempt to fully bring back the choir. If there are 14 or more people interested in rehearsing and singing weekly (and year-round), and if there are no new waves of COVID infections, then it can certainly happen. When the call to return to rehearsals is made, we hope that seasoned choir members and NEW folk as well will consider adding their voices to our Sunshine Cathedral Music Ministry.

WORSHIP & SAFETY - We are all aware of the ongoing crises of gun violence in our nation. Even houses of worship have been targets. Our leadership has had active shooter training, and our EMS and law enforcement respond quickly when needed. We are always watching for signs of potential danger. If you see something, please say something immediately to one of our key staff leaders, Rev Dr Robert, Rev Dr Anne Atwell, Rev Kevin Tisdol, Darren Loli, or Peggy Brereton. We don't expect problems but we do want you to be assured that we are prepared as we can be. We are committed to keeping Sunshine Cathedral Square a safe space for all.

VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITY - Our Landscape Gardening Team is in need of volunteers. If you have some time to spend on helping to maintain our beautiful Cathedral Square please contact Casey Williams at Joecasey@hotmail.com

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)—Founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). Many modern liberation theologies (in which gay and feminist theologies are rooted) have come from Latin American Jesuits.

St. Joseph of Arimathea – is said to have provided the burial tomb for Jesus.

August 1: Kuan Yin – The Buddhist Bodhisattva of Compassion. She has been known both as a female deity and as a male figure (known as Avalokiteshvara, the Lord of Enlightenment). Because of her identification with compassion and her gender fluidity, Queer religious scholars have seen her as a Queer Christ/Queer Buddha figure, a symbol of enlightenment and compassion for and within the Queer community.

August 2: Malinda Cramer (1844 – 1906) – former Quaker, New Thought Teacher and the original founder of the Divine Science Church. After decades of infirmity, she prayed, “Is there a power in the vast universe that can heal me?” The answer was an enlightening experience whereby she realized God as Omnipresence and all life as part of that Presence. Knowing herself to be one with God, she knew that health and happiness were her natural inheritance. Her health began to improve and she founded Divine Science movement. She once said, “Healing is taking place all the time and we know it is God who is doing the work.”

August 3: Lydia – mentioned in the Book of Acts. Leader of a women's group. No husband mentioned. Seems to have been an independent business woman. Queer scholars tend to see her as possibly lesbian.

August 4: Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) - Missionary doctor and Nobel laureate. A person of many talents and interests, Schweitzer earned doctorates in theology, philosophy, and medicine. He was a noted organist and interpreter of the music of J. S. Bach. His Quest for the Historical Jesus had a radical effect on how scholars approached the life of Christ. His work as a medical missionary founding his own hospital in Africa led to receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952.

St. Dominic (1170-1221) – founder of the Order of Preachers (aka Dominicans).

Herman Adrian Spruit (1911 – 1994) - was born in Germany to a family of Dutch ancestry. His father had been Dutch Old Catholic but converted to Methodism. At age seventeen, Spruit immigrated to the United States (Los Angeles). Spruit became a Methodist pastor and served in that role for 2 decades but after studying Theosophy and esoteric Christianity, he believed these mystical teachings with the high ritual from his Old Catholic childhood could blend into a Christian experience that allowed for diversity, inclusion, freedom of conscience, and mystical experience. Spruit was eventually consecrated a bishop in 1957 by a bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church. Soon after, Spruit founded the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch which was a manifestation of his progressive view of Christian community.

August 6: W. John Murray (1865 – 1925) – Murray had been a Roman Catholic priest before being attracted to metaphysics. He studied with Emma Curtis Hopkins and was ordained by Nona Brooks into the ministry of Divine Science. In 1906 he started the Church of the Healing Christ in NYC. His successor was Emmet Fox. He was so successful as a spiritual healer, he once got in trouble with the authorities for “practicing medicine without a license.”

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I am 83 years old and so thankful to have found your wonderful church service on Facebook.

The sermons and talks are very inspiring and insightful; I continue to learn. The music and solos are outstanding. Everything about the service is very enjoyable.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful church service.

Love, MPG (*From California*)

I enjoy the services on YouTube.

-- John B. "Jack" Hagin

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