

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*



*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All.*

*A Positive Worship Experience*

*Today's Theme:*

*Resisting the Temptation to Ignore Injustice*

*Feast Day of the Prophet Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023*

*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**

*You Are My Hiding Place*

*You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

*I will trust in you. Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of our God.*

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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**

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**

*Life Every Voice and Sing*

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our people sighed?*

*We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, God who has brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you; Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.*

### **Opening Prayer**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

One: Magnificent and stunning is the cosmos, which creates all things according to the laws of nature. May its majesty be revealed through the study of its mysteries. And may we live in harmony with our mother, the Earth. And let us say.

*Congregation: Amen.*

One: Blessed be the web of life forever. Blessed, honored, extolled, glorified, and adored be the interdependent web of life. And let us say,

*Congregation: Amen.*

### **Prophetic Witness**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

*For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.*

***Please be seated.***

### **Sunshine Cathedral Clarion Call**

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

### **Sung Response**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

*Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.*

### **Service of Proclamation**

#### **Wisdom of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

In a jail cell in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963, Dr. King wrote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway in 1964, Dr. King said, "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

And at the National Cathedral in 1968, Dr. King said, "We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

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

*Thanks be to God.*

***Please rise as you are able.***

**Gospel According to Matthew  
(4.1-17, New Catholic Bible)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted... He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was famished.

Then the tempter approached him and said, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to be transformed into loaves of bread."

Jesus answered, "As it is written: '[We do] not live by bread alone but by every word that comes forth from... God.'"

Next [Jesus was taken] to the holy city to...stand on the summit of the temple. Then [the tempter] said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: '[God] will command [the] angels concerning you, and with their hands they will raise you up lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus [answered], "It is also written: 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Finally, the [tempter] took him to an exceedingly high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their splendor. Then he said to him, "All these will I give you if you kneel down and worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Depart from me...! It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and [God] alone shall you serve.'"

Then...suddenly angels came and ministered to him.

When Jesus learned that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. Departing from Nazareth, he settled in Capernaum by the sea...From that day forward Jesus began to proclaim the message: "Repent, for the [dominion] of heaven is close at hand."

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*Thanks be to God.*

**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.*

***Please be seated.***

**The Anthem**

*A Change Is Gonna Come*  
by Sam Cooke  
Performed by Gabe Salazar

**Homily**

*Resisting the Temptation to Ignore Injustice*  
Rev Kevin Tisdol

**Altar Call and Anointing**

***10:30 Only***

***Please rise as you are able.***

**Prayer Chorus**

*Your Grace and Mercy*

*Your grace and mercy brought me through,  
I'm living this moment because of you;  
I want to thank you, and praise you too:  
your grace and mercy brought me through.*

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**Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations**

**Sign of Peace**

*How Could Anyone*

*How could anyone ever tell you - you were anything less than beautiful? How could anyone ever tell you - you were less than whole? How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle? How deeply you're connected to my soul.*

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**Service of Sacraments**

**Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)**

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

**Stewardship Thought**

"I want you to be the first in generosity."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Offering Prayer**

*May God bless every gift and ever giver. Amen.*

**Offering Music**

*Andante* by W A Mozart  
Performed by David Suarez, Laura Gonzalez, and  
Barbara Ramcharitar

***Rise as you are able.***

**Doxology**

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a gift, O God, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive and  
gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first fruits give.  
Amen.*





Remember to visit the Sunshine Cathedral Center for the Performing Arts site at [SunshineCathedral.org/Arts](http://SunshineCathedral.org/Arts) - great upcoming performances in 2023.

*HAVE A BLESSED  
week ahead*

*Sunshine Cathedral Weekly  
Financial Information*

*Cruise Raffle: 3 Sold of 200*

**Financial Data Snapshot: 8 January**

<i>Weekly Generosity Income Needed</i>	\$12,043.96
<i>Generosity Income Received</i>	\$15,950.42
<i>Our Abundance and/or (Need)</i>	\$3,906.46
<i>Per Capita Giving</i>	\$27.55
<i>SC Square Worship Services</i>	328
<i>SC Global Fellowship</i>	193,620
<i>People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)</i>	4,500
<i>Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached</i>	

*Detailed information located at  
[SunshineCathedral.org](http://SunshineCathedral.org)*

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**SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY**

**WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...**

All who are living with HIV; John; Harry; Carol; Mark; Virginia; Rose E. (of blessed memory); Bob & Kevin; Ringoen family; Cathy's family; Ronnie; Dave C.; Marco; Warren D.; Anecia; Kenneth Q.; Mark/Crystal; KW & SD; Charlotte; James L.; Rick M; Princess; LGBTQ people of Qatar; Gary M.; RW; MaryEmma (of blessed memory); Julie C.; Hillary; Stan C. (of blessed memory);

JP Alexander family; Gary M.; Sandy; Gerry C.; Hermione J.; Virginia; Aaron; Peggy; Rockie; M.; Thomas A.; TA's mother; Dan; Mandino; Eunice; Anthony A. (of blessed memory); Barbara & Tom; Baby Zaedyn; Cathy's family; Marcia & Bill; Ken; Beverly B.; Sherry & Pat; Carol & family; Sandy; grieving families; Grandma Jean; Don; Betty; Jeanne; Faye; BY; someone with pre-natal concerns; all for whom the holidays are difficult; Trevor;

Marco; Will D.; Seaveira family; Alexis; A. Weal; Latisha; Michael C.; a mom; Margaret F.; Mark D.; Ruben F.; Bruce G.; Jaime; Mark; Virginia; one with many loved ones in mind; Sequeira-Fernandez-Donahue-Filippone-Wilson family & friends; John & Mary; Venkusa; Jean (of blessed memory); DC; Deb T.L.; Sharon & Dale; the people of Ukraine; Lennie; Terri & her mother; Rodney; DonnaChristine; Jeff & Ken; Corbin & Charlie; Ken; Michael; Nicole; a young man suffering severe injuries;

Victoria V.; Anthony's aunt; Austin; Martha (of blessed memory); Benjamin; Those who are incarcerated; MLF; Anita; Debbie O.; John (of blessed memory); Lee P.; Minerva R.; Lewis family; Logan; Kate; Hayden; Connor and Jeannie; Q&E; L&C; Rene; Fila; Tere; Mari; Gloria; Wanda; Sam; Eli; John; Eric; Javier (of blessed memory); B&D; Kevin & Kelli; Chan & Christine; Eloise; Alfredo; Walter, Shari, and Rose (of blessed memory); Michael's friend; Don E.; Steve P.; Troy & Phillip; Bill (of blessed memory) 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

*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](http://SunshineCathedral.org) or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

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

# SunBurst Cathedral News

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is TODAY, January 15, immediately following the 10:30 am service. The meeting is usually under an hour. Everyone is welcome and members are encouraged to attend.

**USHERS NEEDED** - Starting right away, we need more ushers, especially for our performing arts events. If you would like to become an usher, please see our head usher Peggy Brereton.

**OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST** is made possible by Happening Out Television Network and donors who support our televised ministry. Happening Out is housed at Sunshine Cathedral Square. Happening Out programming can be viewed on YouTube, Facebook, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, Google TV, and Roku.

**REVELATION: A THREE WEEK STUDY** – January 11, 18 and 25 Our midweek bible study will be on the Book of Revelation. No drag this time, just a deep study of a book that has caused a lot of people anxiety but is actually a creative text of resistance to oppression and hope for liberation. 7 pm (free).

**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](http://SunshineCathedral.org)

**SAVE THE DATE** – Sunshine Cathedral Food Festival, February 4. Enter your favorite dish, or just come and taste everyone's culinary delights. \$15 to enter a dish (includes ticket to the event) or \$15 to attend. More soon, but for now, save the date.

**TEAM SUNSHINE CATHEDRAL** - Join us on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Fort Lauderdale Beach for the Florida AIDS Walk and Music Festival. [www.floridaaidswalk.org](http://www.floridaaidswalk.org) and search for team "Sunshine Cathedral" If you have any questions, please contact: Rev Anne at 954-462-2004 ext 208 [anne@sunshinecathedral.org](mailto:anne@sunshinecathedral.org) or Tito McWilliams-Ramos at [banjibwoi@gmail.com](mailto:banjibwoi@gmail.com)

Join the Sunshine Cathedral AIDS Walk Team or support the team, either way, we can make a difference for people in Broward County who require HIV services.

**MAKE-OVER CAMPAIGN** – The Sunshine Cathedral Foundation did a soft launch of a new capital campaign last year and now it's time to amp it up. The SC Foundation manages legacy funds and capital campaigns to help assure the long term health of the Sunshine Cathedral

Square (and all that goes on at the Square). Building repairs, air conditioning, roofs, parking lots, investments, property insurance, our courtyard mural...all of this and more are handled by our completely volunteer Sunshine Cathedral Foundation Board of Governors. In times of crisis, the Foundation has also helped with operations, such as the first year of the COVID pandemic when the Foundation gave Cathedral ministries a monthly allowance to help us in that very uncertain time. We depend on the Sunshine Cathedral Foundation and we support the foundation primarily with estate planning and with capital campaigns. So, here we are.

We need to raise a little over \$300,000 to replace windows in the Administration building, to replace air conditioning, to improve our Global Fellowship outreach, to arrange for better food storage for our food sharing ministry, and to upgrade various kinds of equipment and property necessities. We can take 2-3 years to raise that amount, but we need to start now and if we can get most of that amount pledged in the next few months, we'll be well on our way. It's not an onerous amount if we all chip in. While we ask you to do all that you can, we never ask that you do more than you can. And all gifts are blessed with love and gratitude and put to good use. By taking care of our beautiful property we can continue to offer ministry to our local community and to our Global Fellowship. Pledge and Donate at [SunShineCathedral.org/campaign](http://SunShineCathedral.org/campaign) or complete a pledge card in the Lawrence/Lewis Center for Worship & the Arts.

**LAS OLAS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE** – Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 5 pm. FREE. This is a project of our own Ji Park's, the final recital before he will be awarded his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Maryland. Support Ji and have a good time on January 21.

**2022 Giving Statements** - Giving statements are being emailed to donors. If you have not received your 2022 Giving Statement by January 21, email our Executive Minister, Rev Dr Robert Griffin at [Robert@SunshineCathedral.org](mailto:Robert@SunshineCathedral.org). Also, remember to check your email spam folder.

Thank you for all the ways that you support Sunshine Cathedral. Your donations of time, talent and financial resources are greatly appreciated.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Join us at Bona Italian Resturant in Wilton Manors on Monday, February 6 for Give Back Monday. 10% of your check will be donated back to Sunshine Cathedral.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

*January 16: Phineas Quimby (1802 – 1866)* - generally considered the father of the New Thought movement. He spoke of the “Christ Principle” and considered Jesus to be an inspired soul. He said that mind as matter and mind as invisible essence (or solution) are controlled by a Superior Wisdom, which Jesus understood. Long before Einstein discovered that energy and mass are equal, identical and interchangeable, Quimby was saying that mind as form and mind as solution (or essence) was the same thing. Quimby was known as a healer. He reasoned that dis-ease is really a belief and beliefs can be changed. To change the underlying thought is to change the condition.

*January 17: Mary Oliver (1935 – 2019)* – lesbian poet whose work expresses love for nature, compassion for humanity, and subtle references to Queer intimacy.

*January 18: Gladys Alberta Bentley (August 12, 1907 – January 18, 1960)* - an American blues singer, pianist, and entertainer during the Harlem Renaissance. Gladys was lesbian, preferred men’s suits to what was considered women’s attire, and right before her death became an ordained minister.

*January 19: H. B. Jeffery (1872 – 1954)* - Studied with Malinda E. Cramer, Emma Curtis Hopkins and Thomas Troward. He worked with Emma Curtis Hopkins on High Mysticism, and taught courses based on Hopkins’ work. His own books include Spirit of Prayer, Fruit of the Spirit, and Coordination. Jeffery taught, “God is the One Good. Thus goodwill is the Will of God manifest in [us].”

*January 20: St. Sebastian (d. 288)* – victimized by the persecutions of the Emperor Diocletian. Sebastian was “executed” by arrows, but somehow survived and was miraculously healed by a woman named Irene. When the newly revived Sebastian went to the emperor to confront him (feeling, apparently, immortal after his last brush with death), the emperor had him beaten to death on the spot. In art, Sebastian is often depicted as beautiful, athletic, nearly nude, pierced by arrows, taking joy in his faithfulness but also suffering agony because of his mistreatment. Gay men often identify with the paintings of Sebastian and relate the picture to their own life experiences.

*January 21: St. Agnes (d. 304?)*— Traditionally, a young teenager from a wealthy Roman family who refused to marry or to worship non-Christian deities. She was condemned first to brothel, and then to death.



## 2023 Performances

Las Olas Chamber Ensemble  
Saturday, January 21

Trae Crowder  
Saturday, January 28

Anne Steele  
Friday, February 3

Matt Alber  
Friday, February 10

Varla Jean Merman - *Ready to Blow*  
Saturday, February 11

Randy Roberts  
Saturday, February 25

Miss Richfield, 1981 - *Cancel Cultured Pearls*  
Saturday, March 11

Amy Armstrong & Fernando Gonzalez  
- *The Gato & the Guapo* -  
Saturday, March 18

Brandon & James with Effie Passero  
Saturday, March 25

Well Strung's Edmund Bagnell  
Friday, April 14

Pick up a copy of the 2023 Season Guide  
in your pew back for more details.

## **Sunshine Cathedral Programming**

**Administration Ministry**  
**Assisted Living Facility Ministry**  
**Broadcasting Ministry**  
**Center for the Performing Arts**  
**Local & National Partnership Ministry**  
**Food Sharing Ministry**  
**Global Fellowship Ministry**  
**Global Justice Institute Partnership**  
**Music Ministry**  
**SAGE - Friendly Visitor Program**  
**Samaritan Institute**  
**Social Services - SUNSERVE**  
**Sunshine Cathedral Foundation**  
**Wellness Ministry**  
**Worship Ministry**

## **Sunshine Cathedral Partnership**

**AmazonSmile**  
**BOLD Justice**  
**Broward House**  
**Broward Women's Choral**  
**Care Plus**  
**Care Resource**  
**The Cupboard - Kosher Pantry**  
**Feeding South Florida**  
**Gateway Terrace Apartments**  
**Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida**  
**Happening Out TV Network**  
**Homeless Outreach - Hollywood**  
**Latinos Salud**  
**Medflo (ALF)**  
**Opera Fusion**  
**Our Fund**  
**The Pantry of Broward**  
**Paradise Manor (ALF)**  
**Pride Center**  
**Project Lifeline (United Way)**  
**Publix**  
**SAGE**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Campbell's Company**  
**Fort Lauderdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
**South Florida Hunger Coalition**  
**TLC Little Free Pantry**  
**Unlimited Healthcare**  
**Women in Distress**

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Rev. Kevin Tisdol, Minister of Education  
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Mrs. Sara Burns, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Vocalist  
Ms. Barbara Ramcharitar, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Organist

### **Artists-in-Residence**

Jessica Borbone, Vocalist  
Gabe Salazar, Vocalist  
Aaron Ball, Vocalist  
Teresa Flores, Percussion  
Felipe Diaz, Percussion  
Laura Gonzalez, Violin  
David Suarez, Flute  
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Kurt Litzenberger, Set/Sound & Lighting  
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### **Consultant**

Rev. Elder Don Eastman, Systems & Leadership

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## **Sunshine Cathedral**

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

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