

*Welcome Home To Your . . .*



*Your Local & Global Queer Church Community for All*

*A Positive Worship Experience*

*Today's Theme*

*Faith is a Verb*

*Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.*

*Be present, God, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.*

*Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some; to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love;*

*To practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,*

*We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; God, free us, make us one!*

### **The Decalogue**

Rev Kurt Krieger

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.*

## **Service of Proclamation**

### **A Reading from the Epistle of James (2.12-17)**

Rev Marian Cavagnaro

Talk and act like a person expecting to be judged by the Rule that sets us free. For if you refuse to act kindly, you can hardly expect to be treated kindly. Kind mercy wins over harsh judgment every time.

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

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

*Thanks be to God.*

### **A Reading from Mark's Gospel (7.32-37)**

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Then he left the region of Tyre, went through Sidon back to Galilee Lake and over to the district of the Ten Towns. Some people brought a man who could neither hear nor speak and asked Jesus to lay a healing hand on him. He took the man off by himself, put his fingers in the man's ears and some spit on the man's tongue. Then Jesus looked up in prayer, groaned mightily, and commanded, "Ephphatha!—Open up!" And it happened. The man's hearing was clear and his speech plain—just like that.

Jesus urged them to keep it quiet, but they talked it up all the more, beside themselves with excitement. "He's done it all and done it well. He gives hearing to the deaf, speech to the speechless."

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** *Free To Be You and Me*  
By Marlo Thomas  
Performed By Sara Burns

**Homily** *Faith is a Verb*  
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**

"The truth about tithing is that [those who do it]...find that their...fear of poverty disappears." Emmet Fox

### **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**

*Let's Just Praise the Lord*

By William J Gaither

Performed By Barbara Ramcharitar and Cheryl Barth

**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.*

*Peace  
be with  
you*



## Sacrament of Hospitality

### Eucharistic Intentions

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

#### We Remember

Evelyn Alameda	09/05/1996	B.J. Bjertness	09/10/1992
Martin Davis	09/05/2005	Donald Caiado	09/11/1998
Richard Langhorne	09/05/2018	Scott Springer	09/11/2002
Lettie McNeill	09/09/1999	Anna Cruz	09/11/2008

### 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

Rev Kurt Krieger

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

*In the Life of Omnipresence*

*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

Rev Kurt Krieger

"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 Dr Anne Atwell

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 Marian Cavagnaro

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 Dr Anne Atwell

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:

### We pray for the following ~

Elijah; AGW; MLF; Mama Sarah; Sloan & Sadie; Barbara; Walt; Nancy; DonnaChristine; Mary and those on her heart; Gary M. (of blessed memory); Mrs. H. (of blessed memory); Philip; KK; James; John; Frieda; Andrea; Chris M.; Scott O.; Shaundra S.; Leeanna B.; Merrily B.; JL; Thomas B.; Michelle; Jimmy C.; James P.; Joey P.; Elo C.; Deborah; Lauren; Amy; Joe; Doreen; Kim; Karyn C.; Lenni; Ryan's dad; 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.; Rufus; 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.; Lewis Family; Bill K.; Kyle H.; Ken's family; Teresa; Shirley; Daniel; Dayana; Emily; Christopher; Katherine; Danoira; Mary Ann; Kristen; All those in Ida's path; Victor; Jaycee; Cody; 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; 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

*Children of God, God's blessing is forever upon you.*

*May the spirit of God go before you  
to make easy and successful your way.*

*May the power of God's spirit  
fill your life with hope and wholeness.*

*May the fruit of God's spirit: love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and  
self-control be yours in abundance.  
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

**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).

**MASKS FOR WORSHIP** – we are asking people to wear masks for worship at Sunshine Cathedral. We hope everyone is vaccinated and will be following up with booster shots, and in addition, we'll continue to mask for the time being. Stay safe and be well.

**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

**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.

**THE HOLY LAND** - Join us for a once in a lifetime group trip to Israel. Experience the rich diversity of this amazing country, from historic sights of Jerusalem to the vibrant Mediterranean city of Tel Aviv with a group of like-minded travelers. May 21 - 28, 2022 #OUTstanding Travel For more information email Pkcordell@gmail.com

**GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP TRAVEL PROGRAM:** Italy - Sunshine Cathedral's Global Fellowship program is going on its first trip where global/online friends, partners and members along with local congregants can meet in person for a fun trip to Italy. This first class trip includes 4-star hotels in Rome and Tuscany, breakfast and dinner daily, and trip insurance all for about \$1800 (\$1 deposit and \$99 monthly installments). Join more than 60 global fellow congregants already scheduled to join us. Space is limited. <https://happeningout.travel/sunshine>

**OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST** is made possible by Happening Out Television Network and donors who support our televised ministry. HOUT TV is housed at Sunshine Cathedral Square.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**September 5: Mother Teresa of Calcutta** (1910-1997)— Founder of the Missionaries of Charity. As a simple nun from Albania, Teresa felt a special calling to care for the poorest of the poor. She left her convent and took on a simple white sari with blue borders and went to Calcutta, looking for Jesus among the sick and homeless. She founded the Missionaries of Charity, who care especially for the destitute and dying. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

### September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Lady Mary

**Genevieve Behrend** (1881 – 1960) – writer and lecturer. In her life she met Mary Baker Eddy and Abdul Baha (the son of the founder of the Baha'i Faith). She also studied with Thomas Troward for two years (the only individual/personal student he ever had). She taught "mental science" which included the use of "visualization." Her best known book is *Your Invisible Power*. She said, "Do not fear to be your true self, for everything you want, wants you."

**Irwin Gregg** (1904 – 1982) – author of *The Divine Science Way*. Gregg succeeded Nona Brooks as the Dean of the Colorado College of Divine Science (later known as Brooks Divinity School). In 1957 he was one of the founders of the Divine Science Federation (still operating today).

**September 11: Mychal Judge** (1933 – 2011) – was a Franciscan priest serving as a chaplain to the NYC Fire Department. Serving in that capacity, he was the first certified fatality of the 9/11/01 terrorist attack on the U.S. He was ministering to the wounded and the dead when he himself was killed by flying debris. Judge was a gay man.

**FOLLOW AND SUBSCRIBE** - We invite you to Follow Sunshine Cathedral on Facebook, Instragram and subscribe to our YouTube channel. And if our ministry has been a blessing to you, please tell others about the Sunshine Cathedral.



## Travel Planning Time

Happening OUT Travel & Sunshine Cathedral  
 April 19 - May 2, 2022: ITALY

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:  
 David Hopkins - David@HappeningOut.Travel  
 954.900.5942

### Prayer Garden Remembrance Brick

The Prayer Garden with Remembrance Brick is located directly behind the Walt Lawrence & Stephen Lewis Center for Worship and the Arts.

The Prayer Garden is beautifully maintained by our wonderful volunteers that make up the Garden Team. They are generally on the campus each Saturday morning doing various work to maintain the Prayer Garden so that it is always accessible and attractive year round.

There are benches located in the Prayer Garden for those who wish to spend a little extra time.

If you would like to dedicate an engraved brick in memory of someone, or if you have any questions or would like to place an order please contact Kevin Tisdol by email at Kevin@sunshinecathedral.net.

The donation to have an engraved brick placed in the Prayer Garden is \$100.00 per brick.



### Sunshine Cathedral Weekly Financial Information

#### Financial Data Snapshot from 29 August

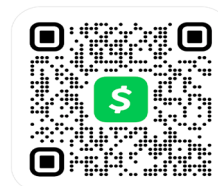
Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$10,797.56
Generosity Income Received	\$7,210.56
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	(\$3,587.33)
Per Capita Giving	\$33.19

Worship Services	145
Online Virtual Resourcing	101,421
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	622

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

#### Donating to Sunshine Cathedral

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## October

### 50th Anniversary Events

#### 3 October

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

#### 6 October

Sunshine Cathedral + Historical Display at Stonewall  
 National Museum & Archives - Time: TBA  
 \$50.00 and includes one guest for free.

#### 9 October

##### Anniversary Gala Reception

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

#### 16 October

##### Anniversary Community Concert

In Person and Live Stream - 7PM  
 Representatives from the Sunshine Cathedral Choir, Gay  
 Men's Chorus of South Florida, South Florida Pride Wind  
 Ensemble, NOVA Singers and Opera Fusion  
 \$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.

All tickets go on sale Sunday, 5 September.

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.net](mailto:Robert@SunshineCathedral.net).

#### Note:

Sunshine Cathedral is not liable for any vehicle incident,  
 including acts of nature, while attending any events.

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 Ms. Barbara Ramcharitar, Co-Director of Worship Arts & Organist

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### Sunshine Cathedral

Two Sunday morning services  
 9:00AM & 10:30AM (LIVE BROADCAST)  
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