

UNITARIAN CHURCH C A M B R I D G E



*In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus
the members of this church unite for the worship of
God and the service of humankind*

FAIR TRADE SERVICE

4 March 2007



Welcome, especially if you are joining us for the first time. All are invited to join us for the bring and share lunch after the service. If you would like a copy of any part of the service or wish to inquire about formal membership please ask the minister. Please also feel free to discuss any aspect of today's service with him or any other person present — ours is a liberal, open tradition which welcomes the loving, critical and inquiring spirit. The sermon draws on the faith and experience of the preacher and it is offered to the congregation as encouragement to further reflection and thought. It is most certainly not a definitive statement with which you must agree. As our sixteenth century Polish Socinian forbears said: *Whilst we declare our own opinions, we oppress no one. Let every person enjoy the freedom of their own judgement in religion; only let it be permitted to us also to exhibit our view of divine things, without injuring and calumniating others.* More information about this liberal Christian congregation can be found on our website:

<http://www.cambridgeunitarian.org>

The minister is the Revd Andrew James Brown MA and the minister emeritus is the Revd Frank Walker BA. The preacher today is Dr John Coates. The organist and pianist is Clive King. Any one wishing for more information can contact Andrew on: mail@revajbrown.demon.co.uk or 0845 4569466



his church welcomes children to the first part of our morning service. We hear in their voices the strength of our community's future. After the story, and during the second hymn, the children go to the common room for their own activities which are on the first and third Sundays of the month. This is also the opportunity for restless babies to join them. Parents provide their own child care on other Sundays.



Opening music with Welsh connection
Chocolate intercessions & the prayer of Jesus
Hymn 212 (Green book): *Sing we of the Golden City*
Welcome, notices, celebration & collection
Story

Hymn 228 (Green book): *Eternal God, whose power upholds*
(During which the children leave for their own activities)



Address & Readings

Proverbs 13²³ & Amos 8⁴⁻⁷

Today's address can be read from Monday at www.cambridgeunitarian.org

Musical offering: *Andante* from *Sonata Op. 147*—Schubert



Prayer and silent prayer

Hymn 226 (Green book): *This is my song, O God of all the nations*
Prayer for peace (printed opposite)

Benediction

Concluding music: *The Sons of Morning Danced for Joy*—Andrew Gant
(Please remain seated for the concluding music)



Tea, Coffee & Conversation in the Church Hall

'Conversation as the natural organ communicating, mind with mind, ... is the method of human culture. By it I come nearer to those whom I shall address than by any other means.'

Bronson Alcott

The prayer of Jesus

One day, after Jesus had been talking with God, one of his friends said to him, "Teach us how to talk with God." Jesus replied by teaching us a simple pattern of prayer:



ur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



The prayer for peace



Loving God, spirit of hope and peace,
Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
Peace, Peace, Peace.



Object of the G.A. of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches



e, the constituent congregations, societies and individual members, uniting in a spirit of mutual sympathy, tolerance and respect; and recognizing the worth and dignity of all people and their freedom to believe as their consciences dictate; and believing that truth is best served where the mind and conscience are free, acknowledge that the object of the assembly is: To promote a free and enquiring religion through the worship of God and the celebration of life; the service of humanity and respect for all creation; and the upholding of the liberal Christian tradition; Encourage and unite in fellowship with bodies which uphold the religious liberty of their members, unconstrained by the imposition of creeds; affirm the liberal religious heritage and learn from the spiritual, cultural and intellectual insights of all humanity.

The field of the poor may yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice (Proverbs 13:23).



Tilt the scales,
O God of the mustard seed:
that the poor shall see justice.

Share the feast,
O God of Eden's abundant garden:
that each crop may fetch a fair price.

Upset the tables,
O God of the upside-down Kingdom:
that the least can benefit from their trade.

In this hour of worship and beyond, open our eyes
O God to life in all its fullness;
that we may learn to walk the way of Jesus, your son and
our brother, tilting, sharing, upsetting this world,
not satisfied until the products we bring to our table
give a better deal, to all who hunger for one.

Amen. (*Christian Aid*)



Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds (Amos 8: 4-7).