

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*

Living as Salt

4 February 2007



elcome, especially if you are joining us for the first time. All are invited to join us for tea, coffee and conversation 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 preacher today is Jackie Metcalfe. The minister is the Revd Andrew James Brown MA and the minister emeritus is the Revd Frank Walker BA. 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 by César Franck

Prayer & the prayer of Jesus (printed opposite)

Hymn 213 (Blue book): *Come, kingdom of our God* (46)

Welcome, notices, celebration and collection

Story

Hymn 201 (Blue book): *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult*

(During which the children leave for their own activities)



Address & Readings

Matthew 5:13-16 (Tyndale 1536)

Matthew 5:13-16 (Henson 2004)

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

Musical offering: *A meditation on 'Brother James' Air'*—Harold Darke



Prayer and silent prayer

Hymn 121 (Green book): *City of God how broad and far*

Prayer for peace (printed opposite)

Benediction

Concluding music: *Fugue Sonata No. 6*—Mendelssohn

(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.



MATTHEW 5:13-16 (TYNDALE'S TRANSLATION 1536)

Ye are the salt of the earth: but and if the salt have lost her saltness, what can be salted therewith? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill, cannot be hid, neither do men light a candle and put it under bushel, but on a candlestick, and it lighteth all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:13-16 (JOHN HENSON'S TRANSLATION 2004)

You are like a rich flavouring for adding to the world. So don't be like the packet that goes past its sell-by date and has to be thrown out. Enthusiasm once lost is difficult to get back. You are like a lighthouse built to make travel safer in a dark world. Just like the big city whose lights can be seen miles away because it is on high ground, you must be in the right position for your light to be directed to best effect. Don't be secretive. Only if people can see the good things you're doing will they learn to appreciate the Loving God who inspires you.