



SERMON

“Love All”  
Matthew 22:34-40  
*Reflection*

Rev. Laura Hamrick

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRELUDE** *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.  
We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes  
from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who  
will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not  
let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.  
We light this candle in Hope.

**\*HYMN No. 203** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**A CALL TO REPENTANCE**

**As streets fill with shoppers  
Bright lights and tempting offers  
Christmas songs and children's laughter  
You lead us along a different path  
To a desert river and a Prophetic voice  
A call to repentance  
A call to service  
A call to immerse ourselves  
In living water that will never run dry  
A call to prepare a way in our own lives  
For the Savior of the world to enter in  
To know the touch of tender mercy  
And rest in your forgiving love**

**For your faithful prophets  
And your Living Word  
We give you thanks. Amen**

**SOLO** *This is Christmas Grace*

Lily Ferguson, soloist

R. E. Schramm

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God,  
creator and lover of the earth,  
origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—  
God coming to us  
in the fragile promise  
of a baby yet unborn—  
who emerges as the herald of hope,  
God's laughter in the face of despair.  
Plunged into death and hell,  
he broke free the captives,  
and is leading the way  
to the land of promise  
where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who implants the seed of truth,  
brings us to birth  
as the body of Christ,  
and empowers us  
to confront and transform  
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God.  
Announced by the Baptist,  
it has drawn near to us in Jesus,  
and will be consummated  
in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven,  
when all who have passed through  
the world's deep sorrow  
will be raised from the waters,  
robed in righteousness,  
and gathered into the joyous fulfillment  
of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day,  
we work and pray:  
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

**MORNING PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO PRESENT GIFTS**

**ANTHEM** *While Shepherds Watched*

Arr. J. Martin

Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY No. 95**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN No. 209** *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**POSTLUDE** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*The Advent stoles worn by the Chancel Choir this morning are being dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Mackay by Jeanne Mackay.*

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*Items in bold indicate congregational response.*