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***Liturgical Date: Year B, Easter 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021***

**Presenter**                      **Lothar Nowak**

**Focus Reading**                1 John 4:7-21

**Message**                      8 minutes 45 seconds      **“Love is all you need”**

**Discussion Starters**

- 1.** What are the differences between like and love?
- 2.** Are you able to love outside of your own circle?
- 3.** Can you really stand the person sitting in front of you in the pew?
- 4.** Do you and your church reflect love in your community?

**Lectionary readings for the day**

**Acts 8:26-40** God directs Philip to a desert place where God uses him to extend the promises of the resurrection and life in God’s forever family to an Ethiopian eunuch, a Gentile outsider without future family prospects.

**Psalm 22:25-31** The psalm anticipates God’s fully extending his life-abounding rule into the whole earth as “every family among all the nations” (v27) rich and poor join to sing his praise.

**John 15:1-8** Like a vine extending life to its branches, God extends the prolific power and life of the resurrection into those who remain connected to Jesus.

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**All Age Message**              Lothar Nowak      **“Oceans of love”**

**Approx. Length**                2 Minutes 40 seconds

**Precis of AAM**

We often use the word ‘lovely’, the word ‘like’ and the word ‘love’ in all kinds of ways. How often do we really think about the meanings of what we say? Using the ocean as an example – Australia is a country that is surrounded by water, the ocean around us is immense. God’s love is like that ocean – it too is immense and He surrounds us with his love the same way. He wants us to share that same love we have been given, with all.

**Resources**                      **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 22: 25-31, page 259

**Lothar Nowak**

Born in Germany and came to Australia in 1950. Recently retired. Married with 2 grown up sons, four grandchildren. Interests are mainly focused around music. Love playing guitar and singing.