



May 9, 2021

**LIVING the Resurrection**  
**“No Greater Love”**

John 15:9-17

**THORNDALE**  
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*All Are Welcome!*

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“If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater;  
for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God  
have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not  
believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony:  
God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life;  
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.  
I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God,  
so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5:9-13

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Stand as you are able.

WELCOME and PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Shauna

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

***The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

Lawrence Rappoldt

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: See what love has been given to us,  
that we should be called children of God.

**People: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh,  
and lived and died, that God’s love might be made plain among us.**

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech  
but in deed and in truth.

**People: Because we love one another,  
we know that we have passed from death into life.**

**All: This is the victory that overcomes the world,  
through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

VIDEO

***Let Us Love***

The Work of the People

OPENING HYMN

***What Wondrous Love is This***

Lawrence Rappoldt

OPENING PRAYER:

**Holy God, all the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power; we feel your  
presence as growth returning to the countryside; we rejoice as we remember your  
faithfulness and steadfast love revealed in the risen Christ. Surround us with that  
faithfulness and steadfast love. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we  
may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world. In Jesus’ name.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***Communion Medley***

Lawrence Rappoldt

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of unimaginable love, we have known of your caring since we were babies in our mother’s arms. We have been told the stories of your love, and we have sung songs about your love. These things bring us comfort. What challenges us is the command of Jesus, “As I have loved you, so you should love one another” – not just those who think as we do, pray as we do, and look the way that we do. Help us, through our giving, our living and our loving, to live up to the challenge of loving as you would have us love. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants<sup>[a]</sup> any longer, because the servant<sup>[b]</sup> does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

**“No Greater Love”**

Pastor Shauna

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

**Jesus Loves Me**

Lawrence Rappoldt

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Shauna

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**You Shall Go Out in Joy**

Lawrence Rappoldt

**SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

MESSAGE  
MUSIC

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge  
Lawrence Rappoldt

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

LITURGIST  
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  
TECH TEAM

Pat Moore  
Pat Moore  
Josh Dwyer  
Terry Moore  
Jamie Ridge

DOOR GREETER  
USHER 1  
USHER 2  
TEMP TAKER  
ATTENDANCE

Hannah Smith  
Wayne Barrows  
Chuck Moore  
Meg Rappoldt  
Wayne Barrows