



# *Kilmarnock Baptist Church*

*Welcome to Worship!*

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 2024**

**Order of Worship**

*Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.*

Preparation:

*Some plants cannot be killed. Some require so much care that they seemingly cannot succeed. The fruit Jesus teaches us about sometimes resembles both kinds of plants.*

– Dave Pepler

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Meditation on “O How I Love Jesus”*

John Rasley

Choral Call to Worship

*He Is Lord*

arr. by Tom Fettke

Welcome and Announcements

Dave Pepler

Invocation

Dave Pepler

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down;  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, into ev'ry troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

## Scripture Reading

1 John 4: 7 - 12

Jennifer Riley

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

## Pastor's Prayer

Dave Pepler

## Offertory Hymn \* 44

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on ev'ry shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our race so freely giv'n;  
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heav'n:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Offertory Prayer Dave Pepler

Offertory *Retrospection* Chester Nordman

Doxology

Choral Anthem *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Sermon Text John 15: 1 - 8 Dave Pepler

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon *“Fruit Loops”* Dave Pepler

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;  
 No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
 I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby;  
 Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.  
 I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;  
 Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.  
 I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will;  
 Thy promises so rich in me fulfill.  
 I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;  
 O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.  
 I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
 O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

Benediction

Dave Pepler

Postlude

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Featherston & Gordon

Chimes



\* If you are able, please stand.

† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Quarterly Business Meeting – TODAY after Worship Service – Please stay.  
Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
Men's Bible Study – Thursdays at 9:30 am  
Called Business Meeting – Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (see below).

## WHAT'S NEXT:

Special Fellowship Time – Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am, instead of the usual Sunday School, we will be giving folks time to speak with the new candidate for our Pastor. Then at 11:00 am, the Pastor Search Candidate will conduct the Worship Service and Communion, followed by another Fellowship Coffee Hour at noon, when you will again be able to talk with the candidate to get to know him better. Afterwards, the special **Called Business Meeting** will be held for the congregation to vote on the Candidate.

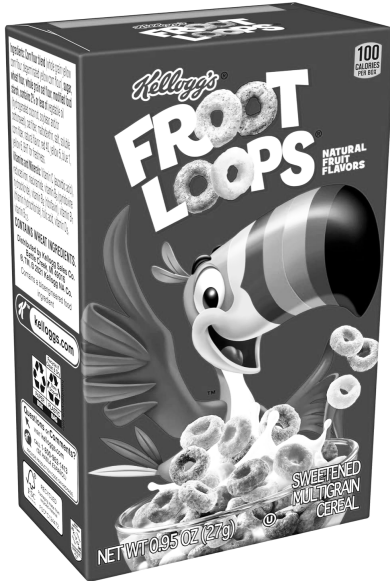
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## A HISTORY LESSON ON THE ‘*LOOPS*’



In 1959, Fruit Loops were created to replace a failed Kellogg's cereal called *OKs*. (The individual pieces were shaped like the letters O and K.) *OKs* were Kellogg's attempt to create a bootleg version of the highly successful Cheerios cereal made by their competitor, General Mills. While the brand ultimately failed, Kellogg's had invested in a lot of special equipment to make *OKs* and didn't want the equipment to go to waste, so they created a new brand that could be made using the same machinery — Fruit Loops.

However, some people were upset at the name, as they felt that Kellogg's was falsely claiming that its cereal's flavor came from natural fruit ingredients. A lawsuit in 1963, *Paxton v. Kellogg's*, ultimately resulted in the company changing the name of its cereal to one that is instantly recognizable among modern consumers: Froot Loops.

Originally, it included just red, orange, and yellow “loops.” (Over time, more colors were added, including blue and green.) Theoretically, the colors represented flavors like cherry, orange, and lemon. However, in the 1990s, Kellogg's finally admitted that all the different colors are really just for show, and that Froot Loops actually only come in a single flavor. Today, Froot Loops are known for having a lot of sugar and questionable ingredients, but still have plenty of fans, so they remain available on most grocery store shelves.

(A few months ago, you learned the facts about Mr. Potato Head, and now you know the facts about Froot Loops too!)

