

# OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## APRIL 04, 2021

# “THE RISEN LORD INDEED!”

## LUKE 24:1-35

### **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

### **Welcome**

#### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 16**

~God’s invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

#### **\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God’s call to worship

#### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God’s promised presence and work among us

#### **\*Song of Preparation and Praise - *The Lord, Our God***

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

#### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 52:7-10**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

#### **\*Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\*Song of Comfort - *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

#### **Pastoral Prayer - Grace Potter, RUF Intern at KSU and Tom Myers, First Presbyterian of Villa Rica**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

#### **Sermon - The Risen Lord Indeed!**

Luke 24:1-35

#### **\*Song of Response - *We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

~Our commitment to apply God’s Word in and through our lives

#### **\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

#### **\*Benediction - Ephesians 1:17-20**

~God’s parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

\*Stand

**Key Truth: Because Jesus is the Risen Lord, His resurrection informs and transforms the whole of our lives for our greatest good to the glory of God and for the life of the world.**

#### **Introduction:**

**Q: *What is your primary focus for interpreting the Bible?***

#### **Luke 24:1-12: Jesus: The Risen Lord Indeed!:**

“The very thought of death, bereavements through death, the feeling of sickness and sufferings are harbingers of death, and the consciousness of the approach of death,—all have a very beneficial effect on the people of God. They serve to humble the proud, to mortify carnality, to check worldliness and to foster spiritual-mindedness. In the mystical union with their Lord believers are made to share the experiences of Christ. Just as He entered upon His glory by the pathway of sufferings and death, they too can enter upon their eternal reward only through sanctification. Death is often the supreme test of the strength of the faith that is in them, and frequently calls forth striking manifestations of the consciousness of victory in the very hour of seeming defeat, 1 Pet. 4:12, 13. It completes the sanctification of the souls of believers, so that they become at once “the spirits of (the) just...made perfect,” Heb. 12:23; Rev. 21:27. Death is not the end for believers, but the beginning of a perfect life.”

**Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology***

**Q: *How are you preparing for resurrection in Christ? Are you investing in eternal things?***

#### **Luke 24:13-35: Jesus: The Primary Focus for Interpreting God’s Word:**

“Luke would have us understand that the story of Jesus begins with the story of (humankind). Jesus was the Son of Adam, the Son of God. To follow the story of Jesus we must begin with the first page of the Bible....Even before we are told the story of the Fall, the Genesis account prepares us for the role Jesus Christ would play in God’s plan for salvation. The figure of Adam at the dawn of human history reminds us that God deals with (humankind) personally. Adam served as the representative man. Christ came as the second Adam (Ro. 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:22)—not as a divine afterthought, but as the One chosen from the foundation of the world to manifest all that the divine image in (humanity) may mean.”

**Edmund P. Clowney, *The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the Old Testament***

**Q: *How does Jesus as your primary focus affect your interpretation of God’s Word? How might this help to make sense of some of the harder passages in Scripture?***

#### **Application:**

**Luke 24:1-35** teaches us that:

-Jesus’ resurrection informs and transforms the whole of our lives for our greatest good to the glory of God and for the life of the world

**Benediction: *Ephesians 1:17-20***