

## WORSHIP PACKET

AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> 2020 – DURING THE COVID19-PANDEMIC

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OPENING PRAYER - Together We Pray ... “Lord Jesus, we come before you a little anxious with all that is going on in our world. Thank You for giving us the examples of faithful ones who have gone before us. When we are feeling overwhelmed or afraid, help us to lift our voices to you and SING your PRAISE! In your holy name we pray .... Amen.” (PL)

### HYMN – AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

ACTS 16:16-40

SERMON

*"FINDING YOUR SONG – SING"*

Pastor Lori

LORD'S PRAYER

STUDY QUESTIONS:

- 1) What lifts your spirits when you are down? What type of music lifts you? What is your favorite hymn/praise song? What music reminds you of the "Good Old days"?
- 2) How do you think a shouting slave Girl affected the apostle's mood? How about affecting their mission of sharing the gospel?
- 3) The Slave Girl's owners rejected the Gospel because it costs them financially. Do you think that financial implications/cost keep people from church/faith today, sometimes? Why/Why Not?
- 4) About 12 years later, Paul wrote the Letter to the Philippians from another prison. How could the events here be basis for what Paul said in Philippians 4:4-7, 12-13? What can we learn from his example about knowing peace & joy even in hard times?
- 5) If asked: "What must I do to be saved?" How would you answer?

GOODIE BAGS – SYMPHONY reminds us to sing ... to keep going in trials of fire.

\*Be sure to SING a bt ... these are crazy, anxious times. SINGING helps lift our Spirits!



