

Family Worship Guide  
New Life Presbyterian Church  
The Lord's Day: April 26, 2020

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 146

(all read together)

**“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!”** (ESV)

*Opening Hymn*

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

(sing or read together)

Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days—Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be, Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold—Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine—It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart—it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love—my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself—and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

### *Prayer of Invocation*

(head of household prays)

Heavenly Father,

This morning we confess that You are our Good Father. You are a perfectly loving, bountifully gracious, fully righteous, and infinitely enjoyable Father to those that are Your Children.

We praise Your Name, we boast in Jesus Christ's work on our behalf, and we long for deeper fellowship of Your Holy Spirit, in order to worship you in Spirit and in Truth.

We are called to fear and reverence your name. We confess no other name under heaven and earth by which men can be saved than that of your Son Jesus Christ, and we come to denounce false religion, worship of self.

We come to you because Lord, Where else would we go? You have the Word of life in Your Word, You have all joy, all comfort, all holiness we long for. We lay claim to Your promises in Christ.

Accept, Lord, the prayers of your children. Lord, speak now to your children by Your Word read, sung, confessed and preached. Lord, from first to last, we have no grounds of boasting, except in how great a God you are. Let us do so in our worship even now, offered in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith*

Shorter Catechism Questions 63-66

(all recite together)

Q63: Which is the fifth commandment?

**A: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”**

Q64: What is required in the fifth commandment?

**A: The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors or equals.**

Q65: What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

**A: The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to every one in their several places and relations.**

Q66: What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

**A: The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.**

Scripture References for Shorter Catechism Questions:

**Q64:** Rom. 13:1, 7; Eph. 5:21-22, 24; 6:1, 4-5, 9; 1 Pet. 2:17

**Q65:** Matt. 15:4-6; Rom. 13:8

**Q66:** Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16; Eph. 6:2-3

*The Lord's Prayer*

(all pray together)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Open Prayer Time*

adapted from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer 2019  
(head of household reads)

At this time I invite your prayer requests and thanksgivings.

(allow some time for praying out loud, then read this or pray in your own words  
to close the time of prayer)

Almighty Triune God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially our President and Governor that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this earthly life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers, as may be best for us and for your glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Confession of Sin*

Psalm 38:1-6

(all read together)

**“O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness, I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning.”** (ESV)

*Meditation*

(Here we pause in silence to meditate upon our sin and need for forgiveness.)

*Assurance of Pardon*

1 Peter 1:3-5

(head of household reads)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (ESV)

(sing or read together)

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

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Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*Scripture Reading*

Exodus 20:12

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.” (ESV)

*Additional Reading*

Exodus 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> “Now these are the rules that you shall set before them. <sup>2</sup> When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing. <sup>3</sup> If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. <sup>4</sup> If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out alone. <sup>5</sup> But if the slave plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’ <sup>6</sup> then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.

<sup>7</sup> “When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do. <sup>8</sup> If she does not please her master, who has designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has broken faith with her. <sup>9</sup> If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter. <sup>10</sup> If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. <sup>11</sup> And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.” (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.  
<sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.  
<sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.  
<sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. <sup>22</sup> Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

<sup>1</sup> Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

*Sermon*                      “The Fifth Commandment: Honoring Parents/Authorities”  
(Note: now play the CD/DVD of Pastor Jared’s sermon or follow the link below)

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*Closing Hymn*    “Children of the Heavenly Father”  
(sing or read together)

Children of the heav’nly Father, Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven, Such a refuge e’er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.



Neither life nor death shall ever, From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers: Your Protector never slumbers;  
At the will of your Defender, Every foeman must surrender.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely, To preserve them pure and holy.

*An Ending Gospel Promise*

Ephesians 3:20-21

(head of household reads)

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.” (ESV)

Amen.

## Table Talk

(These are questions to talk about over the dinner table, or for your own devotions, based on the text and sermon this week)

- 1) Why does God make hierarchies on Earth? What is He teaching us through them?
- 2) Why is the parent authority primary and the basis of other authority?
- 3) What authorities do you struggle the most to honor? Political? Church? Family? How can you change your thoughts and actions towards them in light of the gospel?
- 4) What do we learn about God from this commandment?
- 5) How does Jesus ultimately fulfill the Fifth Commandment?

## **Dive Deeper: Larger Catechism**

### **Q127: What is the honor that inferiors owe to their superiors?**

A: The honor which inferiors owe to their superiors is, all due reverence in heart, word, and behavior; prayer and thanksgiving for them; imitation of their virtues and graces; willing obedience to their lawful commands and counsels; due submission to their corrections; fidelity to, defense, and maintenance of their persons and authority, according to their several ranks, and the nature of their places; bearing with their infirmities, and covering them in love, that so they may be an honor to them and to their government.

### **Q128: What are the sins of inferiors against their superiors?**

A: The sins of inferiors against their superiors are, all neglect of the duties required toward them; envying at, contempt of, and rebellion against their persons and places, in their lawful counsels, commands, and corrections; cursing, mocking, and all such refractory and scandalous carriage, as proves a shame and dishonor to them and their government.

### **Q129: What is required of superiors towards their inferiors?**

A: It is required of superiors, according to that power they receive from God, and that relation wherein they stand, to love, pray for, and bless their inferiors; to instruct, counsel, and admonish them; countenancing, commending, and rewarding such as do well; and discountenancing, reproving, and chastising such as do ill; protecting, and providing for them all things necessary for soul and body: and by grave, wise, holy, and exemplary carriage, to procure glory to God, honor to themselves, and so to preserve that authority which God hath put upon them.

### **Q130: What are the sins of superiors?**

A: The sins of superiors are, besides the neglect of the duties required of them, an inordinate seeking of themselves, their own glory, ease, profit, or pleasure; commanding things unlawful, or not in the power of inferiors to perform; counseling, encouraging, or favoring them in that which is evil; dissuading, discouraging, or discountenancing them in that which is good; correcting them unduly; careless exposing, or leaving them to wrong, temptation, and danger; provoking them to wrath; or any way dishonoring themselves, or lessening their authority, by an unjust, indiscreet, rigorous, or remiss behavior.

### **Q131: What are the duties of equals?**

A: The duties of equals are, to regard the dignity and worth of each other, in giving honor to go one before another; and to rejoice in each others' gifts and advancement, as their own.

### **Q. 132. What are the sins of equals?**

A. The sins of equals are, besides the neglect of the duties required, the undervaluing of the worth, envying the gifts, grieving at the advancement of prosperity one of another; and usurping preeminence one over another.