

Family Worship Guide  
New Life Presbyterian Church  
The Lord's Day: May 10, 2020

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 121:1-4

(all read together)

**I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. (ESV)**

*Opening Hymn*

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

(sing or read together)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:        Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms,  
                      Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *[Refrain]*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *[Refrain]*

## *Prayer of Invocation*

(head of household prays)

Father God, you are the Eternal and Unchanging God. Your decrees are irrevocable, Your love never fails, Your grace never expires. While we may waver, falter, break promises and resolutions, we lean on the One who never does. Remind us of your grace and mercy again today. May we rest in the work of Christ today. May we experience the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Enable our worship, as our moods and thoughts ebb and flow, may we remember your Faithfulness and Steadfastness in this world. Speak to us through Your Word today. Accept our prayers, our songs, our confessions, and our worship today, through the mediation of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior, in Whose Name we pray. Amen.

## *Affirmation of Faith*

## Shorter Catechism Questions 70-72

(all recite together)

Q70: Which is the seventh commandment?

**A: The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.**

Q71: What is required in the seventh commandment?

**A: The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity\*, in heart, speech, and behavior.**

Q72: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

**A: The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste\* thoughts, words, and actions.**

\* pure, as in sexual purity

Scripture References for Shorter Catechism Questions:

**Q70:** Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18

**Q71:** 1 Cor. 7:2-3, 5; 1 Thess. 4:3-5

**Q72:** Matt. 5:28; Eph. 5:3-4

*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*

(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)

Lord, we bring our requests to you, asking for your will to be done for our good and Your Glory. We ask that you also impart wisdom to our leaders to make wise and holy decisions in government, business, churches, and families. We ask you to protect those in harm's way providing works of necessity and mercy, such as police, firemen, military, and medical staff. Give health to the sick, grace to the sinners, comfort to the dying, and love to the lonely. In all things, may You be praised, and we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Confession of Sin*

Psalm 51:1-4

(all read together)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.** (ESV)

*Meditation*

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

*Assurance of Pardon*

Ephesians 5:25b-27

(head of household reads)

Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (ESV)

*Hymn of Grace*

“Jesus Paid It All”

(sing or read together)

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.”

*Refrain: Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow’r, and Thine alone  
Can change the leper’s spots And melt the heart of stone. *[Refrain]*

For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim—  
I’ll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. *[Refrain]*

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” My lips shall still repeat. *[Refrain]*

*Scripture Reading*

Exodus 20:14

“You shall not commit adultery.” (ESV)

*Additional Reading*

Exodus 22:16-17, 19

<sup>16</sup> “If a man seduces a virgin who is not betrothed and lies with her, he shall give the bride-price for her and make her his wife. <sup>17</sup> If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money equal to the bride-price for virgins.

<sup>19</sup> “Whoever lies with an animal shall be put to death.” (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’  
<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup> “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”  
(ESV)

*Sermon*

“The Seventh Commandment: Faithful Savior”

(Note: now play the CD/DVD of Pastor Jared’s sermon or follow the link below)

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*Closing Hymn*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(sing or read together)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou has been Thou for ever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *[Refrain]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*

*An Ending Gospel Promise*

Numbers 6:24-26

(head of household reads)

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. (ESV)

## 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 have a right to make rules about sex?
- 2) Why does God give us instructions and restrictions about sex?
- 3) What does this commandment tell us about God? What quality of God is displayed in this commandment?
- 4) How does Jesus fulfill this commandment?
- 5) Further discussion: How do we obey the 7th Commandment in our context, where there is widespread pornography, cultural acceptance of casual sex, and changing definitions of marriage and gender?

## **Dive Deeper: Larger Catechism (Modern English Version)**

### **Q138: What does the seventh commandment require?**

A: The seventh commandment requires us to be sexually pure in body, mind, inclinations,<sup>1</sup> words,<sup>2</sup> and actions,<sup>3</sup> and to maintain that purity in ourselves and others.<sup>4</sup> We are to monitor what we look at as well as what we experience with our other senses;<sup>5</sup> and we are to live temperately,<sup>6</sup> keeping pure company<sup>7</sup> and dressing modestly.<sup>8</sup> Those who cannot control their sexual desires should marry,<sup>9</sup> loving<sup>10</sup> and living together with their spouses.<sup>11</sup> We should also work hard at whatever we are called to do,<sup>12</sup> avoiding all opportunities for indecency, and resisting any temptation to say, think, or do anything indecent or obscene.<sup>13</sup>

(1.) 1 Thes 4.4-5, Jb 31.1, 1 Cor 7.34. (2.) Col 4.6, Eph 4.29. (3) 1 Pt 3.2. (4.) 1 Cor 7.2,35-36, Ti 2.4-5. (5.) Jb 31.1, Mt 5.28. (6.) Acts 24.24-25, Prv 23.31, 33, Jer 5.7. (7) Prv 2.16-20, 1 Cor 5.9. (8.) 1 Tm 2.9. (9.) 1 Cor 7.2,9. (10.) Prv 5.18-20. (11.) 1 Pt 3.7, 1 Cor 7.5. (12.) Prv 31.11,27-28, 1 Tm 5.13-14. (13.) Prv 5.8, Gn 39.8-10.

### **Q139: What particular sins does the seventh commandment forbid?**

A: In addition to failing to do what is required,<sup>1</sup> the seventh commandment forbids: adultery, fornication,<sup>2</sup> rape, incest,<sup>3</sup> sodomy, and all unnatural desires;<sup>4</sup> all impure imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and inclinations;<sup>5</sup> all corrupt and nasty talk or listening to such,<sup>6</sup> lewd looks,<sup>7</sup> shameless or frivolous behavior, and immodest dress;<sup>8</sup> prohibiting lawful marriages<sup>9</sup> and allowing unlawful ones;<sup>10</sup> condoning, tolerating, or organizing prostitution and visiting prostitutes;<sup>11</sup> restrictive vows of celibacy,<sup>12</sup> unnecessary delays in marrying,<sup>13</sup> having more than one wife or husband at the same time;<sup>14</sup> unjust divorce<sup>15</sup> or desertion;<sup>16</sup> idleness, gluttony, drunkenness,<sup>17</sup> and keeping impure company;<sup>18</sup> obscene or pornographic songs, books, pictures, dancing, or theatrical presentations;<sup>19</sup> and all other encouragement to or indulgence in impure activities by us or others.<sup>20</sup>

(1.) Prv 5.7, 4.23,27. (2.) Heb 13.4, Gal 5.19, Eph 5.5. (3.) 2 Sm 13.14, 1 Cor 5.1,13, Mk 6.18. (4.) Rom 1.24, 26-27, Lv 20.15-16. (5.) Mt 5.28, 15.19, Col 3.5. (6.) Eph 5.3-4, Prv 7.5,21-22, 19.27. (7.) Is 3.16, 2 Pt 2.14. (8.) Prv 7.10,13. (9.) 1 Tm 4.3. (10.) Lv 18.1-21, Mk 6.18, Mal 2.11-12. (11.) 1 Kgs 15.12, 2 Kgs 23.7, Dt 23.17-18, Lv 19.29, Jer 5.7, Prv 7.24-27. (12.) Mt 19.10-12. (13.) 1 Cor 7.7-9, Gn 38.26, 1 Tm 5.14-15. (14.) Mal 2.14-15, Mt 19.5, 1 Cor 7.2. (15.) Mal 2.16, Mt 5.32. (16.) 1 Cor 7.12-13. See citations under Q138. (17.) Ez 16.49, Prv 23.30-33, Jer 5.7. (18.) Gn 39.10, Prv 5.8, Eph 5.11. (19.) Eph 5.4, Ez 23.14-16, Is 23.15-17, 3.16, Mk 6.22, Rom 13.13, 1 Pt 4.3. (20.) 2 Kgs 9.30, Jer 4.30, Ez 23.40, Rom 13.14, 2 Pt 2.17-18.