



March 19, 2023

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**11am Contemporary Worship**

"Both (sons) needed healing and forgiveness. Both needed to come home. Both needed the embrace of a forgiving father. But...the hardest conversion to go through is the conversion of the one who stayed home."

-Henri Nouwen

**We Praise You — Brandon Lake**  
**He Lives — Church of the City**  
**Homecoming — Cory Asbury**  
**Freedom Is Coming — Hillsong YF**

**Luke 15:11-32 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. <sup>13</sup> A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. <sup>14</sup> About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. <sup>15</sup> He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, <sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'"

<sup>20</sup> "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

<sup>22</sup> "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. <sup>23</sup> And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

<sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, <sup>26</sup> and he asked one of the servants what was going on. <sup>27</sup> 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'

<sup>28</sup> "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, <sup>29</sup> but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. <sup>30</sup> Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!'

<sup>31</sup> "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.

<sup>32</sup> We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'"

**Doxa Deo Church.** Today, we welcome Fyodor Lupanciuc from Moldova. With your generous donations to the Thompson Mission Fund, we are able to present Fyodor with the funds to purchase a conference center in Moldova. Currently, the center houses Ukrainian refugees and will help to spread the message of Jesus for decades to come.

### Coming Up at Corinth

For updates and more details, visit [CorinthToday.org/now](http://CorinthToday.org/now) and [Facebook.com/CorinthReformed](https://Facebook.com/CorinthReformed).

**Sun 3/19 — Prime Time Singles Lunch, 12:15pm.** All singles (age 50+) are invited to a lunch at El Paso restaurant after the 11am worship services.

**Wed 3/22 — Wednesday Night Programs.** Dinner (BBQ) starts at 5:15pm followed by classes for adults, children, and youth. Learn more, [corinthtoday.org/Wednesday](http://corinthtoday.org/Wednesday).

**Fri 3/24 — Lenten Lunch, 11:30am, Althouse Room.** Free lunch. No RSVP needed.

**Fri 3/24 — Lenten Organ Recital, 12:30pm, Sanctuary.** Guest organist: Tim Warren. Lenten lunches and organ recitals will continue weekly until April 7.

**Fri 3/24 — Craft 'n Connect, 1pm, Mitchell House Room 106.** All women are invited for fellowship and crafting. Contact Patter Cross for more info, [patter@corinthtoday.org](mailto:patter@corinthtoday.org).

**Sun 3/26 — Morning Worship.** Join us in person or online, [corinthtoday.org/live](http://corinthtoday.org/live).

- **Sonrise Worship, 8:30am, Sanctuary.** Pastor Bob and Pastor Paul will preach.

- **Sunday School, 9:45am.**

- **Traditional Worship, 11:00am, Sanctuary.** Pastor Bob will preach.

- **Contemporary Worship, 11:00am, Bost Memorial Hall.** Pastor Paul will preach.

- **CORE Kids, 11:00am, Abernethy Student Center.** Worship for kids in grade K-5.

**Sun 3/26 — Children's Easter Celebration, 2-5pm, Bost Memorial Hall.** Bring your Easter basket and join us for an Easter egg hunt, face painting, inflatables, and refreshments. Sign up: [bit.ly/coreegg23](http://bit.ly/coreegg23). Volunteer to help, [bit.ly/eastervol23](http://bit.ly/eastervol23).

**Sun 3/26 — Congregational Meeting, 12:15pm, Sanctuary.** All members are encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting following the 11am worship services.

### Ways to Connect and Serve

**Lenten Art Walk.** The Mitchell House is open for an art display that reflects the crucifixion and resurrection story on Mondays (9am-4pm); Wednesdays (1-4pm); and Fridays (9am-12pm).

**Lent at Lunch.** The community is invited to worship and lunch on Wednesdays at 12pm during Lent at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on March 22 and March 29.

**Tacos and Trivia.** Young adults (20s & 30s) are invited to a night of Tacos and Trivia on Friday, March 31, 6-8pm in the Althouse Room. Sign up for childcare, [bit.ly/tacosandtriviamarch](http://bit.ly/tacosandtriviamarch) by March 27.

**Women's Planter Party.** Join us Saturday, April 22, 10am-noon for light refreshments and a lesson from Heather Hancock on how to create magazine-worthy planters for your home. Register now, [bit.ly/CWMPlanterParty](http://bit.ly/CWMPlanterParty). Bring a friend; \$10 per person.

**Easter Lilies.** Every Easter we use lilies provided by the congregation to decorate our worship spaces. They are \$9 each and must be ordered by April 3. Call the office at 828.328.6196 or email [barb@corinthtoday.org](mailto:barb@corinthtoday.org) and indicate how you wish for it to appear in the bulletin (in honor of / in memory of). You may pay online under General Fund with details in the memo line.

**Fiscal Year End.** God has blessed Corinth through your faithful and generous giving in the fiscal year that ends March 31, 2023. Your year-end giving will help us meet increased costs during our transition to a new senior pastor. Contact [jan@corinthtoday.org](mailto:jan@corinthtoday.org) for more information about a stock or other non-cash gift.

### Ways to Give

- Offering box in the rear of the Sanctuary
- Text "Corinth" to 73256
- Visit [corinthtoday.org/give](http://corinthtoday.org/give)

- Scan the QR code to the right
- Mail check to 150 16th Ave NW, Hickory NC 28601

