



Sunday, April 5th, 2026

2668 Marlboro Church Rd.
Sophia, NC 27350

Christ is at the center of
Marlboro Friends Meeting
Directing our members to grow in the Spirit,
To worship Him through our lives,
And to set an example
By ministering to the needs of those We
meet in our daily walk.

Worship Theme 2026:
"Speak the Truth in Love"

Theme Verse: Ephesian 4: 15 - 16

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**Marlboro Friends Meeting
Order of Worship for Easter Sunday April 5th, 2026**

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10:00 to 10:30am – Greeting Time - for all attending the Drive-in Service

Drive – In Worship - Please tune your radio to 94.3 for the worship service.

Scripture and Opening Prayer

Matthew 28: 5 & 6

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Prelude "He Lives!" Kathy Walden

Call to Worship "You Are My All in All" Marlboro Choir

Welcome and Announcements Ministry & Counsel

Congregational Hymn # 310 "Thine Is the Glory"

Friendly Communion

Psalm 122: 1 – "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

Special Music "Lamb of God" Marlboro Choir

Offertory "The Old Rugged Cross" Kathy Walden

Praises and Prayers

Special Music "By His Wounds" Ray Luther, Bob Spencer & Steve Grooms

Open Worship

Scripture Readings Matthew 20: 17 – 19, 27: 62 – 66, 28: 11 – 15 & 28: 16 – 20

Easter Sermon Series – The Passion Week

Message "Moving Beyond Deceit and Doubt to Peace" Ray Luther

Congregational Hymn # 261 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Closing Prayer

Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Kathy Walden

Enter Prepared to Worship. Leave Prepared to Serve.

Scriptures for Today

Mathew 20: 17 - 19

Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time

¹⁷Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

Matthew 27: 62 - 66

The Guards at the Tomb

⁶²The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

Matthew 28: 11 - 15

The Guards' Report

¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

Matthew 28: 16 - 20

The Great Commission

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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Belize Mission Support

Our Meeting is supporting the mission work of Friends in the Central American country of Belize. Our focus is providing support for the Belize Church Food Program. If you want to support this ministry, please send donations to:

Friends United Meeting
101 Quaker Hill Drive
Richmond, Indiana 57374

Please keep Belize in your thoughts and prayers.

Daily Scripture Readings for The Week

To enhance our spiritual growth, we will be sharing daily passages from the International Sunday School lessons to read and study to grow your faith as you spend time with the Lord.

Mon. April 6th – Proverbs 11: 3 – 6, 8 – 11 & 14

Tues. April 7th – Acts 5: 26 – 32

Wed. April 8th – Hebrews 13: 16 – 21

Thurs. April 9th – 2nd Samuel 23: 1 – 7

Fri. April 10th – Deuteronomy 17: 14 – 20

Sat. April 11th – Mark 12: 13 – 17

Sun. April 12th – 1st Peter 2: 13 – 17