

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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The Reformation: Five Centuries Later....

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

*If I knew the world would perish tomorrow, I would still plant my
apple tree today.* Martin Luther

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the Joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER:

Pour out your spirit upon your church, O God, and lead us in the Way of Jesus: the way of joy and sacrifice; challenge and community; the way of love and courage. Reform us, that your image may be seen more clearly within us. And hear us as we pray together saying:

**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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

SOLO:

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3: 16-21

SERMON: *Luther & The Reformation: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly*

SOLO: Lynda-Jean Coffin: *My Love Colours Outside The Lines*

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A TIME OF PRAYER:

As we recall the Reformation, let us also call for reconciliation within the Body of Christ. And so, we give thanks, O God,

For the church that in every age has taught the faith, shared the sacraments, and fed the hungry.

We give thanks, O God,

For those who work to create unity among all the churches, and seek ways to walk together.

We ask forgiveness, O God,

When we fail to acknowledge that there are many ways to understand you.

We give thanks, O God,

For those in every age who offer the gift of challenge to the church when it has become complacent – or worse.

We give thanks, O God,

For the diversity of expression in our many denominations, and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually re-new and re-form itself.

This we pray in the name of God, Lover of us *all*! And all God's people said:
AMEN!

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: *Grateful* (182 MV)