



Conscience and Credit Cards, Rockstars and Revolution:

Living with the Reformation Today

The Protestant Reformation of the 16th century is 'history'-one of those things that happened so long ago that it doesn't seem relevant today. So much has changed since Martin Luther composed 99 debating points and posted them on a church door. But the Reformation isn't in the distant past. We live with it every day. Thanks to John Calvin's thoughts about lending, for example, we have credit cards. And thanks to the image savvy Martin Luther, the world got its first social media rockstar.

More importantly, the Reformation still shapes the way we read the Bible, how we handle questions of faith, doubt, and diversity; why we do church in a 'democratic' way; how we view the Christian's work in the world; the vital role of conscience and protest; and the value we place on marriage and family. In this morning event, we'll discuss some of these vital genes in our DNA - their upsides, downsides, and their continuing challenge.

- *Rev. Dr. Mary Luti*

**Saturday Nov. 18th, 2017
8:30 am - Noon
Centre Congregational Church in Lynnfield**

Please contact Judy Arnold (jarnoldfccw@verizon.net) if you would like to attend with a group from FCCW.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Luti is a long time seminary educator and pastor, author of *Teresa of Avila's Way* and numerous articles, and founding member of The Daughters of Abraham, a national network of interfaith women's book groups. She is part of the UCC writer's group that publishes Daily Devotionals available online and via email.

She has visited our church on a couple of occasions – once for a Life Deacon breakfast in 2010 and once preaching from the pulpit in 2012 about personal ministries.

About Mary Luti:

Member of the Stillspeaking Writers' Group: The writer's group is a group of progressive Christian pastors and writers whose differing backgrounds, ages, and opinions write daily devotionals that are unpredictable and meaningful to all kinds of people. The devotionals are light-hearted, God-filled, and provocative - they are for the person who thinks devotionals are "too religious." The book includes relevant, brief, insightful devotionals designed to give you a powerful jolt each day. Each easy-to-read devotional provides a scripture verse, reflection and prayer for every day of the year.

Blogger: Although Mary Luti is officially a *retired* seminary professor and United Church of Christ pastor, she can't help herself. She just keeps talking. And posting, for whatever it's worth. <https://sicutlocutusest.com/about/>

Andover Newton Theological Seminary: Mary Luti was at Andover Newton from 1984-1998 and again from 2008 until her retirement in 2012. From 1984-1998, she taught 'on the Hill' in the departments of Church History and Church and Ministry, also serving as Director of the Center for the Ministry of the Laity and as Associate Dean for Academic Programs as the school developed new M.A. programs and launched its first evening and night courses.

Author: She is author of *Teresa of Avila's Way*, a volume in the series "The Way of the Christian Mystics" (The Liturgical Press), and numerous articles on topics of Christian life. A sought-after conference speaker, workshop leader, and preacher, Luti was recognized for outstanding teaching by the United Church of Christ at its 2011 General Synod.

School Teacher: Luti previously taught English at the high school and college levels in Boston, Miami, and Mexico City.

Senior Minister First Parish Cambridge: In 2000, after serving for two years as a consultant for congregational development at South Church (UCC) in Springfield, MA, she was called as senior minister of First Parish in Cambridge, Congregational (UCC) — its first woman pastor in 375 years of continuing congregational life.

Andover Newton Theological Seminary: Following an intense period of church visioning and renewal, Dr. Luti returned to ANTS on "The Hill" in 2008 as Andover Newton's Visiting Professor of Worship and Preaching and as Director of Wilson Chapel until her retirement in 2012. Her teaching has centered on the many ways people of faith have sung, prayed, preached, shaped communities, and handed down the meaningful traditions of the Christian church over the centuries.

EDUCATION:

B.A., Emmanuel College

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