

Spirit on Tap

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7:00 p.m.

THE REFORMATION AT 500 AND BEYOND



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Dr. Ellingwood's presentation will show how Reformation ideas about grace, faith, and works have influenced our contemporary theology, and which beliefs need to be reinterpreted or abandoned in the 21st century. Ideas about Creation held by Martin Luther, John Calvin, and other Reformers will be explored in terms of God's grace extending not only to all peoples and all nations, but also to all living creatures and all creation.

Dr. Jane Ellingwood is an independent scholar and theologian, and a licensed minister with the United Church of Christ. Jane's current theological work is focused on the relevance of early Reformation ideas in the 21st century; eco-theology and creation care; and creating opportunities for clergy and lay adults to discuss theological ideas and help theology become more "alive" in congregational settings.

Jane's Ph.D. degree in Theology was awarded by the University of Exeter (UK) in February 2016, after she successfully undertook the international Ph.D. program jointly sponsored by the University of Exeter and Hartford Seminary (Connecticut). She also holds an M.A. degree in Theology and Ethics from Hartford Seminary (2009), an M.A. degree in Liberal Studies from Duke University (1988), and a B.S. degree in Mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1979).

Jane co-moderated the 2017 Craigville Theological Colloquy, on the theme of "The Reformation at 500: Is Grace Still the Answer?," and she is continuing as co-moderator for the 2018 colloquy on "Immigration, Refugee Resettlement, and the Church(es)." She was the biblical reflector for the 2014 colloquy on "Creation as Theology and Ecology." She has given presentations at two North American Patristics Society annual meetings. She is also a member of the Mercersburg Society. Jane lives in Bethel, Connecticut.

