



**Church for Our Common Home**  
*dedicated to Mother Earth,  
 the Divine Feminine,  
 Loving Community and the Arts*

*Come love and be loved by the natural world at the Secret Garden Retreat Center at the John Cobb Eco Farm and sing, dance and feast with us at the Mary Magdalene Café!*

*January 14, 2024 Martin Luther King Celebration*

*God's Eyes in Holocaust in Rwanda,  
 Love of Enemies, Prayer and Forgiveness*



The Secret Prayer Garden is an interfaith Living Rosary with 12 Tree Stations inviting prayers for the interconnected web of life, the wilderness, the soil, water, green plants, the air and music, mother and children of all species, the sun, moon and galaxies of stars, wild animals underground and under water, wild animals above ground, the winged creatures, the beauty of the natural world and the human family and the natural world living in harmony. We share the story of the betrayal, torture, death and the regeneration of Mother Earth. Join us with the animals, trees, plants etc. in the barn (weather permitting) for Sunday weekly worship, 4 pm pst. Retreat stays are available.

**Church for Our Common Home**—a home and internet church, retreat center and counseling center exploring biodynamic farming with a community art studio and eARTh Art Gallery in the Barn, 15435 Strong Road, Dallas, OR 97338, We are a non-profit 501 C3 that provides artistic, religious and psychological services to awaken to the moral and ecological crisis as an invitation for spiritual growth and loving community with all of creation, caring for our common home, Mother Earth.

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Director Our Common Home Counseling Center Dr. Walter Rutherford (858) 442-6472 [walterrutherford44@gmail.com](mailto:walterrutherford44@gmail.com) Services include, individual and group therapy, addiction issues, PTSD, relationship counseling, Spiritual Direction, pastoral counseling and dream honoring. We believe our current ecologic crisis is a call to awaken to the reverence of life and the truth that all nature is alive, sacred and our earth is one organic whole. As we witness the sixth extinction of life on earth, the only one created by us humans, we are invited to reclaim the ancient wisdom traditions. We are interbeings, interspecies, and an interconnected whole. What we do affects everyone else. Every Sunday at 4 pm we acknowledge that we need one another more than ever before and commune with God called by many names. We celebrate the wisdom traditions from the East, West, indigenous peoples, new science as we study the teachings of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, the Bible as well as newly found gnostic gospels. We pray together and to ask for God's help to find new ways to live in peace and love with all creation. **Board of Directors**, Walter Rutherford- President, Juan Ibarra CPA- Treasurer, Martha Garcia-Secretary, Rev. Bonnie Tarwater-Minister Tax deductible donations to Church for Our Common Home, pay pal, credit card, check,cash and other gifts welcome. THANK YOU! Please send us new clients and referrals for Our Common Home Counseling Center and the Secret Garden Retreat Center for proceeds go to fund Church for Our Common Home.

**Invitations and Announcements:** Intercessory Prayer Circle, contact Bonnie with prayer requests. Weekly Dream Group every Thursday 4 pm PST, Lectio Divina Tuesday 9-10 (reflecting on scripture for the following Sunday). Please contact Rev. Bonnie if you would like a pastoral visit in person or on Zoom or phone and/or if you would like to pray or have prayer requests. Our worship and meeting link on **Zoom ID 3025719458** and this number is always on church website homepage.

**Please mark calendar and pray for Martha** who is having surgery Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Special thanks to Edie and Bryan for UU Faithify Grant** to begin 2 new Earth Crisis Support Groups in Oregon. We have raised raise OVER the \$2,500.00!!!!

**Please watch video Vivian Song** made about the John Cobb Eco Farm and send with an invitation to friends to

**Weekly Interfaith Prayer and Song Vigil for Peace** 10 am Saturday's Beginning November 11 Benton County Courthouse Corvallis Cosponsored by Peace and Justice Strategies Office, School of History, Philosophy and Religion OSU, Corvallis Interfaith Network and Church for Our Common Home.

**Please join me for Moslem** prayers every <sup>h</sup> Friday prayers 12 noon at Mosque and evening services at Beit Am Jewish synagogue in Corvallis, January 12 6:30 pm.

## **Plans for Love Your Enemy Walk around Hiroshima Day August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**God and Country Documentary opens Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** <https://youtu.be/cTQKmR6a9fw> Rob Reiner and director Dan Partland upcoming movie on Christian nationalism, Here's the big takeaway: Christian nationalism isn't just destroying our democracy, it's unfairly warping Americans' views of Christianity as well. "That's part of the reason why Rob and Dan wanted to make a movie setting the record straight -- and why Faithful America organizes Christians from all denominations and traditions to reclaim our faith from the religious right."

**New Musical WWOOF** to invite local musicians to come do farm work, play music for worship and offer music workshops she will conduct.

### **CODEPINK Tuesday, January 16 at 5 pm PT/8 pm ET,**

[https://www.codepink.org/cpc116?recruiter\\_id=633214](https://www.codepink.org/cpc116?recruiter_id=633214) explores the legal and political implications of putting Israel on trial for genocide As the **International Court of Justice** considers **South Africa's** case against Israeli genocide.....will discuss statements from other countries—Bolivia, Venezuela, Cuba, Jordan, Malaysia—in support of South Africa's case and explore the impact on the Biden administration should the court rule that Israel is guilty of genocide. Law expert **Marjorie Cohn** and scholar **Adrienne Pine** who is organizing global support for countries to submit a Declaration of Intervention (similar to a friend of the court brief) in support of South Africa at the World Court. To date, over 1,000 organizations from far corners of the globe have signed an open letter in support of South Africa's case charging Israel with genocide.

**Earth Crisis Support Group and Potluck Parties Dallas Oregon** every Saturday 4-6 pm here at the John Cobb Eco Farm. Nancy Mahoney's group meets monthly in Woodstock NY.

**Sunday Feb 4 1-5 pm** We will host the Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon Earth Summit again this year. **NEED HELP FINDING COMPUTER PERSON TO RUN ZOOM Oregon Statewide program, asap!**

**Earthen Arts workshops last two weekends of July.** Please make reservations soon for space to stay indoors is limited. Tent and RV camping also available. Begins Friday, 4 pm July 19 through Sunday July 21 4 pm. The second weekend begins 4 pm July 26, Friday through Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> 4 pm. You can register for one or both weekends. You are invited to stay for the week for both weekends.

### **The Global Nonviolent Action Database** [Home | Global Nonviolent Action Database](#)

[swarthmore.edu](http://swarthmore.edu) provides free access to information about hundreds of cases of nonviolent action, from all continents and most countries, for learning and for citizen action. The database is a project of Swarthmore College

**WWOOF profile** [Live and Learn on Organic Farms - WWOOF USA](#) Volunteers from around the world come to work on organic farms and receive room and board.

**Some alternative news sources include** Code Pink, [www.codepink.org](http://www.codepink.org), the Poor People's Campaign, [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org), Living Earth Movement, [www.livingearthmovement.eco](http://www.livingearthmovement.eco), "to inspire global cooperation for the sake of all life on our planet, beginning with the United States and China." Democracy Now (Free speech TV) Chris Hedges, (Pulitzer prize winning journalist and Christian minister) OpEd News, Popular Resistance, YES! Magazine, Common Ground, [100 Best Liberal Political Blogs and Websites in 2023](#) ([feedspot.com](http://feedspot.com))

**Please sign up for Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib newsletter** on her website. She is the only Palestinian American in Congress. [Home - Rashida Tlaib \(house.gov\)](#) (Thank you Nancy)



**Honoring the Kalapuyan People** We give thanks for the miracle of this sacred and beautiful land here in Dallas, Oregon where we ask for prayers for our common home, The Secret Prayer Garden at the John Cobb Eco Farm. This was the homeland of the Kalapuyan people before the colonizers came and inflicted genocide to the native peoples, land and eco systems. We confess these sins and ask for forgiveness and promise to make amends. We apologize for all the harm many of our ancestors did to the indigenous peoples and the natural world in this place and in the America's. We commit to truth telling and working to make amends for the harm done.



### Lighting of the Black Madonna of the America's-- Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle

**Meditation:** "In God's eyes, the killers were part of His family, deserving of love and forgiveness. I knew that I couldn't ask God to love me if I were unwilling to love His Children. At that moment, I prayed for the killers, for their sins to be forgiven. I prayed that God would lead them to recognize the horrific error of their ways before their life on Earth ended—before they were called to account for their mortal sins. I help on to my father's rosary and asked God to help me, and again I heard his voice: Forgive them; they know not what they do. I took a crucial step toward forgiving the killers that day. My anger was drained was drained from me—I'd opened my heart to God, and He's touched it with His infinite love. For the first time, I pitied the killers. I asked God to forgive their sins and turn their souls toward His beautiful light. That night I prayed with a clear conscience and a clean heart. For the first time since I entered the bathroom, I slept in peace." *Left to Tell; Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, by Immaculee Ilibagiza



**Reading "12 Step program for an Ecologic Civilization"** Church For Our Common Home is God centered and guided and dedicated to Mother Earth. The Secret Prayer Garden invites interfaith prayers and a new dream for the Earth at the John Cobb Eco Farm with twelve prayer stations, on trees over five acres. We work for an Ecologic Civilization with our 12 step program and we;



1. Share the truth that the current 6<sup>th</sup> extinction of life on Earth, the only one created by humans, is an invitation for transformation as a human species.
2. Share the history and human habits of dominant over relationships and commit to relationships of collaboration, partnership and co-creativity.
3. Make amends for our alienation and abuse of the natural world and our idolatry of scientism and rationalism using transdisciplinary reconnections of religion, art, psychology, ecology, etc.
4. Explore eco-feminist and process theology, celebrating God and Goddess language, symbols and relationships.
5. Study the teachings of Jesus and Mary Magdalene and their Church of Love highlighting the radical teachings and the way of doing unto the least of these, love of enemies and service to God not money, with newly found gnostic scriptures and the world's ancient wisdom traditions.
6. Offer diverse spiritual practices to develop loving relationships with the natural world, Mother Earth and all creation.
7. Honor the invisible realms of dreams, prayer, intuition, parapsychology and imagination.
8. Celebrate the visual and performing arts, ritual making, beauty and creativity as divine spiritual practice.



9. Celebrate intergenerational community by intentionally including and honoring the very young and old.  
 10. Encourage consciousness raising with integration of body, sexuality, mind, spirit, feelings, intuition and imagination.



11. Work for social justice locally and globally in partnership with other organizations  
 12. Experiment with nontraditional church in order to create relevant, spirit filled and loving community.

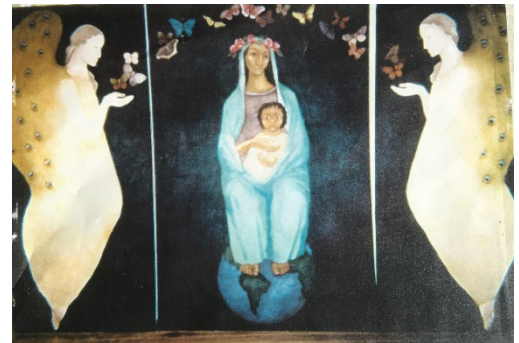
### **Musical Prayer and Invocation for Mother Earth our *4.5-billion-years 'old Mother!***

Our *Dear, Dear Mother* by Raffi Chorus Our dear, dear Mother, daily provider, earth be your name the time has come to honor you to know you and to show our love. You give us each day our daily grain kissed by the sun and kissed by the rain. Teach us now to find a way to care for you in our work and play. Chorus

Love, love, love, love, earthlings this, this is your call. Love your God with your heart soul and mind for God loves us all. (repeat)

**Passing of the Peace** (Unmute and share greetings) God Loves You and There is Nothing You Can Do About It!

**Welcoming Angels to Worship** (Artist Kathleen Kline's gift to us) Angels welcome in this sanctuary pure and holy, tried and true with thanksgiving we'll be a living sanctuary for you. (by John Thompson and Randy Scuggs) The Angel Gabriel from heaven came. His wings as white as snow, his eyes a flame. All hail said he, thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady, Gloria. ....All night all day angels watchin over me my Lord. All night all day, angels watchin over me. If I die before I wake, angels watchin over me my Lord. Pray my soul, the Lord will take, angels watchin over me, angels watchin over me..... Down inside the earth with angels, down inside the earth, when I die hallelujah by and by, I'll return to God and Mother Earth.



**Walt and Bonnie:** News from the Secret Garden Retreat Center at the John Cobb Eco Farm

**Musical Prayers *I Talk to the Trees*** (composed by Frederick Loewe and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner from *Paint Your Wagon* adapted by Bonnie) I talk to the trees and they are listening to me. I talk to the stars, and they always hear me. The breeze has the time, to stop, and hear what I say. I talk to them all in love. We sing with chickens and ducks and they are cluckin g and quacking in song. We dance with cats and dogs, who teach us love and joy. We pray for goats and sheep here on the John Cobb Eco Farm. We pray for them all in love. and God's faithfulness to all generations.

**Reading** "I found a place in the bathroom to call my own: a small corner of my heart. I retreated there as soon as I awoke, and stayed there until I slept. It was my sacred garden, where I spoke to God, mediated on His words, and nurtured my spiritual self. When I mediated, I touched the source of my faith and strengthened the core of my soul. While horror swirled around me, I found refuge in a world that became more welcoming and wonderful with each visit. Even as my body shriveled, my soul was nourished through my deepening relationship with God. I entered my special space through prayer; once inside, I prayed nonstop, using my rosary as an anchor to force my thoughts and energies on God. The rosary beads helped me concentrate on the gospels and keep the word of God alive in my mind. I prayed in silence, but always mouthed the word to convince myself that I was really saying them...otherwise, doubt would creep in and the negative energy would

come calling.” *Left to Tell; Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, by Immaculee Ilibagiza

**Scripture Gospel of Matthew Chapter 5: 43, 44, 48** Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation “You have heard it said, ‘Love your neighbor—but hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for your persecutors..... 48 Therefore be perfect, as Abba God in heaven is perfect.

**Reflection** *God’s Eyes in Holocaust in Rwanda,  
Love of Enemies, Prayer and Forgiveness*

**Musical Response** Gospel Medley *Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child*, repeat, a long way from home, a long way from home.

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah Since I Laid My Burden Down*

*I Woke up this Morning* with my mind, stayed on freedom (repeat)



### Virtual Wailing Wall and Prayers of Confession

**Nancy:** **Dear Holy One,** We come to confess and to ask for forgiveness. We know that we have done things we should not have done and not done things we should have done. We ask you to forgive us. We ask that you guide us in learning how to forgive others as well as ourselves. (silence) Amen

**Dear God,** We pray for our enemies as Jesus taught us. May your will be done for all those enemies we name. (please name prayer requests all together simultaneously) Amen.

**Martha: Prayer** (Please unmute and say in unison) **Our Mother Father God** who is within us we celebrate your many names. Your wisdom come. Your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us. Each day you give us all that we need. You remind us of our limits and we let go. You support us in our power and we act with courage. For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us and the celebration among us now and forever. Amen by Miriam Therese Winters

**Walt Rutherford:** Dear Holy One, you the God of passionate love, we ask for your grace tonight despite our pride. Your forgiveness despite our doubt. Most of all, we ask for your love to see us through these dark times. May we face whatever is to come in your divine will with courage and open hearts of acceptance. Amen (from movie *Don’t Look Up*)

**Please respond after the bell rings, “God Help us. Hear our prayer.”** We come to you and ask you to guide us in this difficult way of seeing our enemies through your eyes. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We pray for people and creatures in war torn areas of our common home, Palestinians Israelis, Ukrainians, Russians, Afghans, those from the Congo, Libia, Syria, Yemen, all people suffering from the evil of war. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We pray for the killers and gun manufactures and leaders who call for killing. We ask for forgiveness all the ways we have not been able to forgive our human family. **God help us. Hear our prayer** We pray for all those who are using poisons and corrupt systems of greed that are causing a geocide of eco systems and species. **God help us. Hear our prayer** Thank you for you have given us scriptures to inspire us and pray practices to pray for our enemies. **God help us. Hear our prayer** Please show us light in the cold winter darkness, a vision of peace amidst war, and hope in the midst of genocide and catastrophe, love in a time of hate. We promise you that we will never give up. WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE! We pray for

you to wrap us in your love Please unmute and lift up those you want to pray for..... **God help us. Hear our. Amen**

**Chant** I am sending you light, to heal you to hold you, (repeat) No matter where you go, now matter where you’ve been, you’ll never walk alone, I hold you deep within. (repeat)

**Silent Prayer for all life here on our common home Mother Earth.**

**Musical Benediction** by Miriam Therese Winter  
May the blessing of God go before, may her grace and peace abound, may her sprit live within you may her love wrap you round, may her blessings remain with you always, may you walk on holy ground.  
(*Annunciation* artist Edward Frampton)



**Sharing and the Mary Magdalene Café and Dancing** Hafiz four words of God “Come Dance with Me”

We want to send you rainbow ribbons for dancing so please let us know if you have not received them yet.

P.S. Thank you for sending us donations regularly and we ask for any small or large, regular or irregular donations and pledges in order to continue the ministry of this church. The need is great and thank you.

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