



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!

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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 *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.

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.

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 28th 4 pm. You can register for one or both weekends. You are invited to stay for the week for both weekends.

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.

Happy Birthday John Cobb's 99 and 100 birthday Thank you for coming to the Post Modern Development of China celebration

Lenten program on the Black Madonna We will offer a Lenten program for six weeks during worship and we study both Chris Hedges and the Black Madonna. We will use, *The Black Madonna Soul Companion* by Stephanie Georgieff you can order it on Amazon. We will also read and discuss Chris Hedges, and we ask that you go to his link and sign up to receive The Christ Hedges Report and or listen and read his posts. [The Chris Hedges Report – The Real News Network](#) He is a Pulitzer prize winning journalist and Christian minister.

Nancy S. Mahoney gifts us with two links, World Beyond www.war.org/gaza-genocide and one from Veterans for Peace sent out an email with information on continuing to pressure for an end to the genocide in Gaza. Here is the link:

<https://peaceandplanetnews.org/international-court-of-justice-rules-that-israel-must-cease-fire/?emci=c97c49bf-cabb-ee11-b660-002248223197&emdi=e7a5b133-3cbd-ee11-b660-002248223197&ceid=10516366>

Rev. Laura Truby gives us this, “Fellow Humans, A lifelong activist attorney, who wrote a fire and brimstone letter to the U.S. State Department that will be in many of your inboxes Monday, Terry Lodge, highlights below, what is about to happen in Gaza. Many of us have been active, bless us one and all. But every one of us can do something more. If you've told your neighbors and friends already, call and write your elected officials from city councils up to Congress TODAY. If you've done that, write a letter to the editor TODAY. Then get out in the street with whatever protest you can find or organize. Now is not the time to be bashful or say you have something else on your schedule...what else is more important than speaking out for human beings about to be slaughtered? If you're doing that, find some stout souls who are going to sit down and put a wrench in the gears of the Empire -- a politician's office, the road to a weapons plant, any busy road that will jam business as usual and say "DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY OTHER HUMAN BEINGS OUR MONEY HAS PAID TO KILL AND HOW MANY MORE THERE WILL BE SOON?!"

Netanyahu has ordered IDF to provide a plan for "evacuating" Gazan civilians out of Rafah as the precursor to the largest battle yet in the genocide.

Here's the New York Times coverage, the implications are huge.

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2024/02/09/world/israel-hamas-war-gaza-news/netanyahu-orders-the-military-to-find-a-way-to-evacuate-civilians-from-rafaq?smid=url-share>

1) The Israeli military will not allow the Gazans to flee northward. The only direction to go is south. But if the Gazans flee through the gate at Rafah, into the Egyptian Sinai desert, they will never be allowed to return to Palestine, which has been Israel's policy since 1948 (denial of the right of return).

2) The Israeli military routinely warns the Palestinians that they must evacuate and that if they do not, they will be treated as combatants; that means the Palestinians can (and will) be murdered on sight, without any further warning or justification if they don't leave Rafah. It has happened literally thousands of times since October.

3) Egypt refuses to let the Palestinians escape Gaza into the Sinai. It sure seems like the Israelis will bomb and destroy the gate and commence a widespread military attack on the Palestinian civilians to drive them out of Palestine on pain of death.

4) Notice in the article that the Biden administration states it cannot "approve" the plan the Israelis have to evacuate Gaza. That is ass-covering. The U.S. is the ONLY country with the political power to stop the genocide and has no intention of stopping the coming astonishing massacre. The Israelis know that they can perform this mass murder event without any serious obstacles from Europe and the US, or Canada.

5) It's been 2 weeks since 12 major donors to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) cut off their funding. Israel has provided NO PROOF that any UNRWA employees were working with Hamas. Israel has hated UNRWA for decades and many of its leaders have sworn to destroy it. Once the Palestinians are swept into the Sinai, there will be greatly reduced resources to help them and UNRWA in particular will be gravely crippled from performing life saving functions.

6) Once the massacre begins, it becomes likely that every US base in the Middle East will be surrounded and attacked. There are over 45,000 US troops in harm's way. It seems likely that Hezbollah will shower Israel with the most open-ended missile attacks Israel has ever experienced. Hezbollah has thousands of state-of-the-art "smart" rockets and missiles. Northern Israel will see unprecedented damage and loss of civilian life.

7) If Israel falls under a major Hezbollah attack, its Iron Dome missile defense system is likely to be overwhelmed and collapse, leaving much of Israel vulnerable to missile attacks.

8) Israel has The Bomb -- 90 or more of them, actually -- and clinically insane and collectively unstable right wingers in government and the IDF view current events as a Biblical chance at triumph. I'm guessing many of them have little contact with reality and if they become panicked, they will pressure the IDF to use nuclear weapons. Israel has state-of-the-art means of launching nuclear missiles that can reach Moscow and Pakistan.

9) No other country in the region has The Bomb and the Israeli military has demonstrated for decades an extraordinary callousness toward the prospect of murdering thousands in the cause of their theocracy.

10) The Biden administration has commodified genocide; it is raking in a great deal of campaign donations from Zionist millionaires and billionaires. Biden administration enabling of the genocide is going to destroy our politics and possibly many American lives in the region. The US is rapidly isolating itself as a thoroughly untrustworthy partner in any endeavor.

11) There will be a wide-ranging regional war with spectacular, perhaps completely unprecedented death catastrophes, and scary potential for the involvement of Russia and China. The poison from Tel Aviv is spreading everywhere.

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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 Interfaith 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: "Dear Church for Our Common Home Angel, Please let us feel your Holy Presence. Today we come to worship as a church community and we ask for your guidance as disciples of Jesus to find a way we as a church community can do God's will in this time of genocide and suicide as a human family. As a minister I am asking that we as a community have a plan to do a peace walk beginning at our now Love Your Enemy Way at the John Cobb Eco Farm. What is God calling us as a church to do in these desperate times. We are building a eco-spiritual community and eco village and we ask you to inspire and bless our pilgrimage with the Black Madonna and all truth tellers like Chris Hedges. We come humbly and ask for your help. Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts. We give you thanks. Amen



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 6th 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.

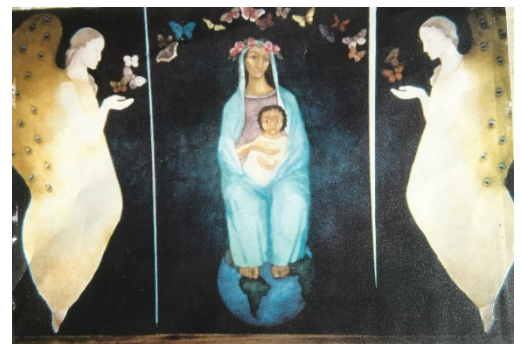
Musical Prayer and Invocation for Mother Earth our *4.5-billion-years`old Mother!*

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 clucking 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.

Scripture Gospel of Matthew Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation

4 :1 Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil. 2 After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. 3 Then the tempter approached and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, command these stones to turn into bread." 4 Jesus replied, "Scripture has it, 'We live not on bread alone but on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Next the Devil took Jesus to the Holy City, set him on the parapet of the Temple 6 and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, throw yourself down. Scripture has it, 'God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they will support you that you may never stumble on a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered, "Scripture also says, 'Do not put God to the test.'" 8 The Devil then took Jesus up a very high mountain and displayed all the dominions of the world in their magnificence, 9 promising, "All these I will give you if you fall down and worship me." 10 At this, Jesus said to the Devil, "Away with you, Satan! Scripture says, 'You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.'" 11 At that the Devil left, and angels came and attended Jesus.

Reflection

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Musical Response Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,

and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.

Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!



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 to prepare for Lent and ask you to open our hearts, our eyes, our ears to the truth. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** Please guide us as at Church for Our Common Home find a way to work for peace and tell the truth about genocide, power over suicide. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We come to pray for President Biden, the leaders of world may have a conversion experience and the courage to change course to prevent more genocide in Gaza and here on our common home. Please help us as a church to know your will for us in these desperate times. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We pray for people and creatures in war torn areas of our common home, Palestinians, Israelis, Ukrainians, Russians, Afghanis, those from the Congo, Libia, Syria, Yemen, all people suffering from the evils of war. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We pray for the 150 species that go extinct every day. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We give thanks for all those working for peace, caring for those in need and those who speak the truth internationally and here locally. We give thanks for the International Court of Justice at the Haig for their leadership to stand for the least of these suffering from genocide. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** Please bless our dreams and visions of becoming a safe harbor as an eco spiritual community and eco village. **God help us. Hear our prayer** We dedicate our ministry to teaching, preaching and healing. Help us resist the brainwashing of our secular world. May we never forget that you God are the source of love and healing. **God help us. Hear our prayer. God help us. Hear our prayer** Please show us light in the cold winter darkness, visions of peace amidst war, hope in the midst of genocide and catastrophe, and love in a time of hate. May your healing ministry guide us to love one another and to honor you with all our hearts, minds and spirits. We promise we will never give up. WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE! Amen

Please unmute and lift up those who have passed away..... and after each name we say in Unison **Presente**

Dear God We pray for over 25,000 civilians who have died in the genocide in Gaza, over 10,000 who are childrenPresente

Chant We are sending you light, to heal you to hold you, (repeat) No matter where you go, no matter where you've been, you'll never walk alone, we hold you deep within. (repeat) **We are sending God's light to heal you, to hold, We are sending you God's love to heal you in love.** By Melanie Demore and adapted by Bonnie

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 spirit 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” *Universal Dance for Peace* <https://youtu.be/0vNpZlpcHs8?si=iMeNaojXGrWzZcGT>

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.
