



## 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!*

*February 18, 2024*

*Pilgrimage to the Black Madonna; I Need to Get  
Another Mother*



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.

**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 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.

**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.

**Special thanks to our WWOofer Laura Kim for so many generous gifts!**

**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 Mysterious 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.

Feb. 25 Black Madonna Pilgrimage for Survival Sunday 4-5 pm pst The Black Madonna Chapter 4-6 p.21-46 Scripture announced the Tuesday before on website and during Lectio Divina and the Chris Hedges current news story announced on Tuesday for the following Sunday.

March 3 Taize Chanting and Icons Sunday 4-5 pm pst The Black Madonna Chapter 7-11 p51-73 other readings and scriptures TBA

March 10 God communicates in Dreams and Art, 4-5 pm pst The Black Madonna Chapter 12-15 p.77-91 other readings and scriptures TBA

March 17 Pilgrimage and Walks for Peace , 4-5 pm pst The Black Madonna Chapter 16-18 p.99-122 other readings and scriptures TBA

March 24 The Earth and Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday , 4-5 pm pst The Black Madonna Chapter 19-21 p.129-146 other readings and scriptures TBA

Easter Sunday March 31 The Black Madonna, Mary Magdalene Jesus and the Partnership Way , 4-5 pm pst

**Nancy S. Mahoney's offering World Beyond [www.war.org/gaza-genocide](http://www.war.org/gaza-genocide), Veterans for Peace <https://peaceandplanetnews.org/international-court-of-justice-rules-that-israel-must-cease-fire/?emci=c97c49bfcabb-ee11-b660-002248223197&emdi=e7a5b133-3cbd-ee11-b660-002248223197&ceid=10516366>**

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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:** "...the Black Madonna is reaching out to us today as more people are recognizing that *black lives matter* and *women's lives matter* and *gay and transgender lives matter*... The Black Madonna leads the way, for She is the Universal Mother, fully accepting of the immense and praiseworthy diversity of our species... we are all descendants of Mother Africa and the African Mother who mothered our species..... The Black Madonna is cosmic, ...from the ancient story of a meteorite that struck the Earth and birthed the original Black Madonna..... The Cosmic Mother invites us to move beyond our Earth destroying anthropocentrism as a species to realize anew that we are part of and completely depending on and interdependent with a vast universe, one that is 13.8 billion years in its unfolding up to our time..... We do not live just in the Cosmos but in this special local neighborhoods of the cosmos, the Earth. The Black Madonna is returning because She is a representative of Mother Earth..... Darkness is depth, and depth is darkness. We need to cease being afraid of the dark and instead awaken the courage to explore the caves and caverns of not only the Earth but also our own

selves, our own souls....the Black Madonna represents the return to mysticism, to the mysteries, to the depths of our lives and souls....depths of joy and depths of silence and grief.....” Matthew Fox in *Forward Healing Journey with the Black Madonna* by Alessandra Belloni



**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!***

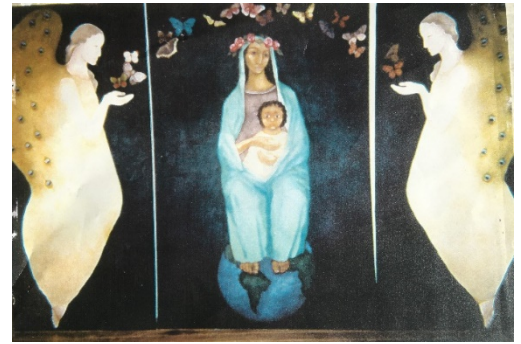
Our *Dear, Dear Mother* by Raffi Chorus Our dear, dear Mother, daily provider, earth be your name the time has come to honor you to know you and to show our love. You give us each day our daily grain kissed by the sun and kissed by the rain. Teach us now to find a way to care for you in our work and 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 Chris Hedges** Dear child,.....They drop missiles and bombs. Deafening explosions. The ground shakes. Buildings fall. The dead. The screams. The muffled calls for help from beneath the rubble. It does not stop. Night and day. Trapped under the piles of smashed concrete. Your playmates. Your schoolmates. Your neighbors. Gone in seconds. You see the chalky faces and limp bodies when they are dug out. I am a reporter. It is my job to see this. You are a child. You should never see this....." December 2023

**Scripture Psalm 91** Those who dwell in the shelter of Infinite Light, and who abide in the wings of Infinite Love and pass the night in the shadow of El Shaddai, Will raise their voices in praise: "My refuge and my strength; In You alone will I trust." For you deliver me from the webs of fear and illusion, from all that separates and divides; You protect me as an eagle shields its young....

**Scripture Gospel of Luke 34 Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me! 35 So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!' "

**Reflection and Power point**

*Pilgrimage with the Black Madonna; I Need to Get Another Mother*

**Musical Response** by Miriam Therese Winter Mother Earth and God to you we sing, wide is your womb, warm is your wing. In you we live, move and are fed, sweet flowing milk life giving bread. Mother Earth God to you we bring our broken hearts our broken wings.



## 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 shelter us with your wings of love. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** Please guide us you are the Black Madonna, you who know our suffering and you who suffer with us. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We come to pray for President Biden, the leaders of world that may have a conversion experience 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 bravely tell the truth internationally and locally. We gives 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.** 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.** 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 love heal us and give us courage to live in faith and courage. We promise we will never give up. WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE! **God help us. Hear our prayer** Amen

**Dear God** We pray for over 29,000 civilians who have died in the genocide in Gaza, most who are women and children .....Presente

We pray for the 130 journalists.....

We pray for the 5,000 people killed in the 46 new mass shootings in the USA this year..... Presente

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

**Psalm 91** Those who dwell in the shelter of Infinite Light, and who abide in the wings of Infinite Love and pass the night in the shadow of El Shaddai, Will raise their voices in praise: "My refuge and my strength; In You alone will I trust." For you deliver me from the webs of fear and illusion, from all that separates and divides; You protect me as an eagle shields its young, Your faithfulness is sure, like an arrow set upon the mark, I will not fear the shadow of the night, not the confusion that comes by day, Nor the dreams that awaken me from sleep, not the daily changes that life brings. Though a thousand may deride this radical trust, the thousand laugh as I seek to do your Will, Yet will I surrender myself to You, abandoning myself into your Hands without reserve. For you have sent your angels to watch over me, to guide me in all my ways. On their hands, they will bear me up, lest I dash my foot against a stone. Though I walk among those who roar like a lion, or are stealthy as the adder snake, in your strength will I endure. "Because you cleave to Me in love, I will deliver you; I will protect you, who call upon my Name. When you call to Me, I will answer you; I will be with you in times of trouble, I will rescue you so that you will know my Peace, All through the years, will I dwell in your heart, as Loving Compassion, Presence, forever."

### **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" *The Black Madonna Mysterious Soul Companion* and Chris Hedges

### **Discussion of T**

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**Pizzica Tarantata from Rhythm Is The Cure Workshop, Tuscany Italy 2013** Alessandra Belloni

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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