



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!



March 3, 2024

Pilgrimage to the Black Madonna Taize

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. Minister- Rev. Bonnie Tarwater, (858) 248-5123 revtarwater@yahoo.com, www.churchforourcommonhome.com

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.

Special thanks to Molly Howell, Kate and Brian Humiston for coming to play music with us today!

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 and listen and read his posts. [The Chris Hedges Report – The Real News Network](#) a Pulitzer prize winning journalist and Christian minister.

Churches for Middle East Peace <https://cmep.salsalabs.org/>

Ley Lines Does anyone know about Ley Lines who would like to work with me on a possible Pilgrimage route? “Ley lines are straight tracks or lines, essentially energy grids, that stretch across the earth in every direction. The ancients were said to have marked these lines with stone monuments and pagan temples.....They set up natural sanctuaries and called the intersections of ley lines their sacred sites. If you’re a believer in energetic vibrations, if you believe Mother Earth is a living being, then you’ll understand why ley lines are important. I like to think of them as Mother Earth’s veins – sacred sites where the earth allows us to easily tap into her essence.....For example....(all capitals of all 50 states) are located on ley lines...”

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 John Cobb preaching Truman Price and Molly Howell bringing music! March 31 The Black Madonna, Mary Magdalene Jesus and the Partnership Way, 4-5 pm pst

Celebration of where we have come as a church and dreams and visions of where we are going!

Song Circle St Patrick’s Day Sunday March 17th 1 pm in the barn. Please come and invite others.

Code Pink honoring Women’s Day March 8th! www.codepink.org Since Code Pink began twenty-one years ago “we have witnessed \$21 trillion of taxpayer dollars stolen to pay for the war on terror which killed over 4.5 million people, we are now witnessing another war of terror through the US-supported genocide in Gaza, which is slaughtering thousands of women and children at rapid pace.”

Dear Congress, The US has played a significant role in the suffering of Palestinians by consistently funding Israel’s military, providing it with \$3.8 billion every year. Even in the face of a genocide, you are working to send \$118 billion more for weapons and murder. From people speaking out globally to South Africa’s case in the International Court of Justice, Israel will be held accountable one way or another. Do not continue to implicate yourself and the US in Israel’s crimes by sending more funds for war in Palestine and across the globe. Vote “NO” on the \$118 billion supplementary funding package! Ceasefire NOW!

Martha Alter Hines YouTube interview with Anne Baring
<https://youtu.be/osvRjNsc8RM?si=Lb7OeA03XbRWJQ0R>



Honoring the Kalapuyan People We gives 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 neighborhood 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. 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.



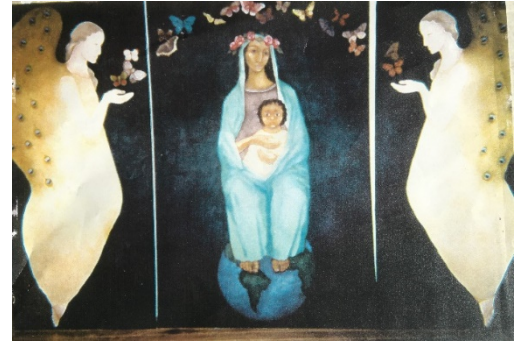
Musical Prayer and Invocation for Mother Earth our *4.5-billion-years`old Mother!*

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 and 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.

Taizé and Power Point

Reading Anne Baring, *The Dream of the Cosmos* "The theme of the lost Feminine Value weaves like a golden thread through the mythology, poetry and literature of Western civilization, waiting to be redeemed at this present time when so much is at stake. ***Over the last sixty years there have been certain events which have heralded a change of consciousness comparable to what took place in the twelfth century Europe with the building of the great cathedrals in honor of the Virgin Mary and the pilgrimages to the sites held sacred to the Black Madonna.*** This time round, though the change of consciousness is not confirmed to Europe but involves the whole world."(My emphasis)



Silence

Chant Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am Be still and know that I. Be still and know that. Be still and know. Be still and. Be still. Be.(repeat)

Reading *The Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeau, "...the Kingdom of Heaven is really a metaphor for a state of consciousness; it is not a place you got to, but a place you come from. It is a whole new way of looking at the world, a transformed awareness that literally turns their world into a different place....The hallmark of this awareness is that it sees no separation—not between God and humans, not between humans and other humans....a complete mutual indwelling: I am in God, God is in you, you are in God, we are in each other." The Gospel of John 15 (Jesus said), "As God has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love.".... We flow into God—and God into us—because it is the nature of love to flow."

Silence

Chant Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.
(repeat)

Scripture The Gospel of Thomas Login 113 and from the Gnostic Oxyrhynchus Manuscript "The Kingdom of Heaven is spread out on the Earth and men do not see it." "The fowls of the air and the beasts, Whatever is beneath the earth and upon the earth, and the fishes of the sea. These they are that draw you. And the Kingdom of Heaven is within you and whoever knoweth himself shall find it. And having found it, ye shall know yourselves that ye are sons and heirs of God and shall know yourselves that ye are in God and God in you."

Silence

Chant My God is my light, my light and salvation. In God I trust, in God I trust. (repeat)

Reading: Channeled message from Anne Barings Mother *Messages from a Transcendent Dimension* by Anne Baring "My death and resurrection were meant to help man to realise his lasting power to survive death and to achieve his salvation through devotion to his fellow men. It is necessary for man to know there is no death for the soul. Think often of the Source. Feel the presence of it. Think of its messengers and the amplifiers of the message. Learn to express in your own time and space what is eternal, indivisible and holy. You should no more lead an ill-fitted life than wear an ill-fitting garment. Learn to divide your time between the duties of your daily life and those of your inner self and give them your undivided attention. Create gardens to protect the purity of Nature from all destructive rays. Protect the birds. Tell other people about angels. Make the stars weep for joy. Your channels can be blocked through grief and doubt. Throw doubt away in the name of Christ. Build a wall of light around you when you paint, speak or write. Do not try to sort out the threads of your many lives. You will waste your time. Concentrate on the thread you are spinning now. We do the tapestry. Give us good thread."

Silence

Chanting Nada te turbe nada te_espante; quien a Dios tiene nada le falta. Nada te turbe, nada te_espante: sólo Dios bas-ta. Words by Teresa of Avila Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things pass away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. He who has God Finds he lacks nothing; God alone suffices.

Scripture The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 5:43, 44 Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation Jesus said, "You have heard it said, 'Love your neighbor—but hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for your persecutors

Silence

Chant Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. (repeat)

Reading Anne Baring and Scripture from Exodus "Women are one half of humanity, yet our voices are not heard sufficiently to stop this madness. War is anathema to mothers who have raised their children from infancy to adulthood. Mothers and grandmothers never recover from the unbearable loss of their beloved children and grandchildren. There is only one power in the world that can eliminate war and violence. That power is women in service to Love. We call upon the Women of the World to join us in Commanding that All war and violence Stops NOW!"
and from the Jewish Bible, Exodus 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill."

Silence

Chant I know this rose will open. I know my fear will burn away I know my soul will unfurl its wings. I know this rose will open. (repeat)

Reading: *Messages from a Transcendent Dimension* by Anne Baring and in the words of Anne Baring “A Final Word: I have brought together these Messages in memory and in love for my mother and love for the Higher Assembly of Beings who watch over the life of this planet. They have been the foundation and the inspiration of all my own work. May they reach those who can assimilate their teaching and take it further. Their words are witness to the fact that we do not live in a dead, insentient universe that is without consciousness, purpose or meaning. On the contrary, we live in a universe that is alive, sentient, full of wonders, peopled with countless beings in higher dimensions, as well as in other galaxies and on other planets—all directed by an evolutionary intention. Love be with you. Love be with the world. Love be the only eternal blessing.”

Silence

Chant Come and fill my heart with your peace, you the God of love are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia. (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. (Silence) 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*)

(Prayer channeled by Anne Barings' mother from Jesus, St Francis and Persian Spirit December 11th, 1956)

Prayer of the Holy Mother,

You who saw me weep, gather My tears in your hands; Bathe your eyes in their sweetness, for in My tears there is no bitter salt. Rather like honey, or like dew will you feel them as you take them to your face and heart. They are the tears of womanhood, shed for the cruelty and blindness of man. They are the tears of mothers, shed for the useless death of their sons. Each time that I see cruelty, greed or senseless destruction, I shed these tears, hoping that they will melt the harshness and the greed. Today I weep when I see the gift of Life so shamelessly laid to waste, and the sacrifice of My Son put to naught by those who should have been ready to bless and

follow Him. O let My tears blind those who want to shed their brother's blood, soothe those who are wounded in battle, melt the heart of Cain ever ready to murder Abel. O for the sake of My Son and your Saviour listen to My voice, and let the gentle sound of pity cling to your devoted hearts, which I want to impregnate with the soothing gentleness of My healing powers that I hereby bestow on your hands if you will give your voice to the service of My cause."

(Please unmute and say in union) **Dear God** We pray for over 30,000 civilians who have died in the genocide in Gaza, most who are women and children**Presente**

We pray for over 130 journalists, UN workers and doctors and medical workers in Gaza who have died..... **Presente**

We pray for 100,000's of Russian and Ukrainian soldiers who have died as well as the civilians in the two countries..... **Presente**

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

We pray for the 150 species that go extinct everyday..... **Presente**

Please unmute and lift up the names of those who have passed away..... **Presente**

Please lift up those living in need of prayer.....

Prayer by Anne Baring Please say in unison "Love be with you. Love be with the world. Love be the only eternal blessing."

Silent Prayer for all life here on our common home Mother Earth and in the Cosmos

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"

Ukrainian Folk Dancing https://youtu.be/rRILX8EA5VQ?si=NjX9d_IFKNpNgd-Z

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.

