



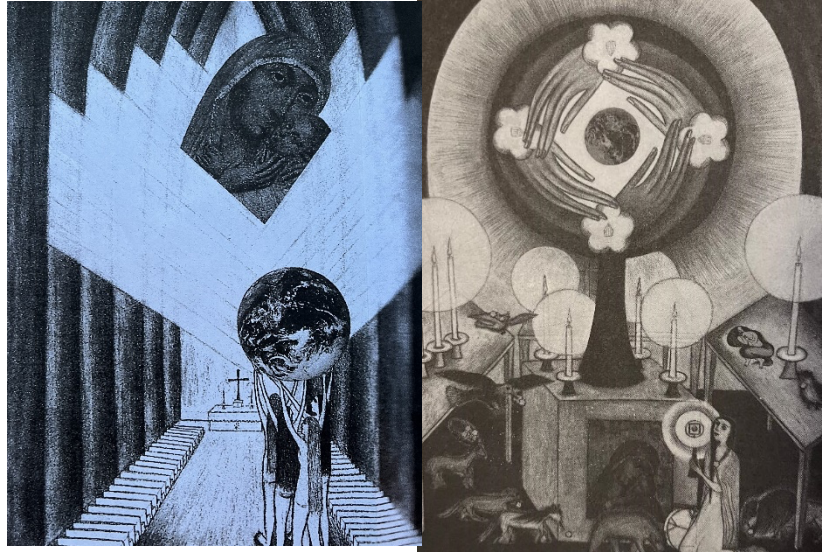
## Church for Our Common Home *dedicated to Mother Earth, the Divine Feminine, Loving Community and the Arts*

*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 10, 2024

### *Pilgrimage to the Black Madonna Within: Visions of the Divine Feminine*

Worship dedicated to all our children who have passed and are dying from bombs and guns made by adults.



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](mailto:revtarwater@yahoo.com), [www.churchforourcommonhome.com](http://www.churchforourcommonhome.com)

**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.

Worship dedicated to all children who have passed and are dying from bombs and guns made by adults. And to the children in Salem and all those touched by this local tragedy and to 16-year-old Jose Vasquez-Valenzuela who passed last Thursday. <https://www.salemreporter.com/2024/03/08/community-prays-calls-for-action-after-bushs-pasture-park-shooting/>

**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.

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



**March 12 Tuesday 7 pm Bonnie presenting at Corvallis Interfaith Network Zoom Café** Join Zoom Meeting for the Café

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83725297401?pwd=WXpwWUJNMEJ2MTc5dlVJeWw2M2RXUT09>

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**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/>

**Peace Walk 2024** [Home - peacewalk2024.org](https://peacewalk2024.org) April 27, 2024

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 17<sup>th</sup>** 1 pm in the barn. Please come and invite others.

Today invite our personal sharing as a part of our local Earth Crisis Support Group 5 pm after worship. Please share with us how you are feeling. We are doing this as an experiment to change ECSG from Saturday to Sunday.



**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:** "...42:13 and I felt my soul and all that I could see dissolve and vanish in a brilliant light in a likeness unto the sun. And in the light, I beheld *a woman of extraordinary beauty, clothed in garments of brilliant white. The figure extended its arms, and I felt my soul drawn into its embrace*, and in that moment I was freed from the world....." The Gospel of the Beloved Companion The Complete Gospel of Mary Magdalene, translated by Jehanne De Quillan



**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 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.

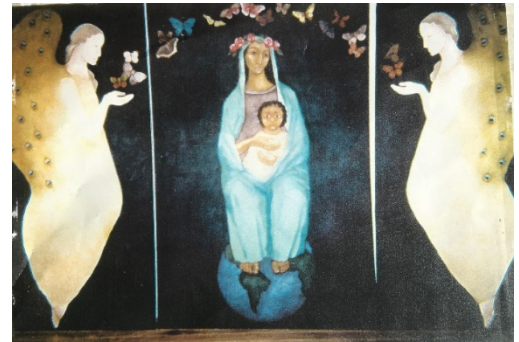
### Musical Prayer and Invocation for Mother Earth our *4.5-billion-years 'old Mother!*

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 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 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.

**Scripture** The Gospel of the Beloved Companion The Complete Gospel of Mary Magdalene, translated by Jehanne De Quillan

"42:3 then Jesus showed me a vision in which *I saw a great tree that seemed to reach unto the heavens*; and as I saw these things, he said, 'the roots of this tree are in the earth, which is your body. The trunk extends upward through the five regions of humanity to the crown, which is the kingdom of the spirit. 42:4 there are eight great boughs upon this tree and each bough bears its own fruit, which you must eat in all its fullness.....42:6 and as he said these things, I felt my soul ascend and saw the first great bough that bears the fruit of love and compassion, the foundation of all things. And I knew that before you can eat of this fruit and gain its nourishment, you must be free of all *judgment and wrath*. When you have freed yourself of these burdens, you may eat of the fruit and so gain the *love and compassion* that will allow you to pass the first of seven guardians. And I heard the voice of the lord of wrath calling to me, but I denied him and he had no part in me. 42:7 so I saw my soul ascend... ..42:13 and I felt my soul and all that I could see dissolve and vanish in a brilliant light in a likeness unto the s

un. And in the light, I beheld *a woman of extraordinary beauty, clothed in garments of brilliant white. The figure extended its arms, and I felt my soul drawn into its embrace*, and in that moment I was freed from the world.....” (emphasis by Bonnie)

## Reflection

## *Visions of the Divine Feminine*

### Power Point *The Black Madonna Within* by Tatyá Mato

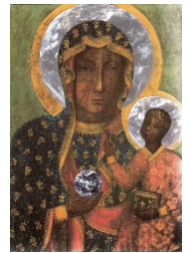
*El Shaddai* by Amy Grant (Chorus) El Shaddai, el Shaddai El-elyon na Adonai  
Age to age You're still the same By the power of the name  
El Shaddai, el Shaddai Erkamka na Adonai  
We will praise and lift You high El Shaddai

1. Through Your love and through the ram You saved the son of Abraham  
Through the power of Your hand You turned the sea into dry land  
To the outcast on her knees You were the God who really sees  
And by Your love You set Your children free. (Chorus)

2. Through the years You made it clear That the time of Christ was near  
Though the people couldn't see What Messiah ought to be  
Your most awesome work was done Through the frailty of Your Son  
I will praise and lift You high El Shaddai. (Chorus)

## 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*)

**Dear God** We pray for 16-year-old Jose Vasquez-Valenzuela who was shot and passed last week in Salem. We pray for the over 5,000 people killed in the 46 new mass shootings in the USA this year..... **Presente**

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 150 species that go extinct everyday..... **Presente**

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

**Dear Holy One,**

We give you thanks and celebrate the numinous mysterium of our inner world. We worship here in our Earth Cathedral to honor Nature within and without. We come to spend time with you Black Madonna, you who mother and help us. We come to kneel before you who are the Tree of Life. We give thanks God, El Shadia, You who are called by many names, for the beauty of the world. We give thanks to you who want to be honored and loved. We give you thanks for the joy and love in our hearts. We come to confess to you, Mother for we have sinned against Life and Nature many times. Show us your Light and your Truth, that they may cleanse us and draw us to you. Loving One, you who sustain us, may we not shirk our responsibility to easily. Show us the way and speak to us in dreams for the sake of the planet and all beings. Great Mother, protect the Earth in the Still Space of Your Heart and save us all. May we embrace the Earth and delight in joy for all living creatures, cherish and bless them. May we immerse ourselves in the abundance of Nature within and without and for the miracle of your healing grace that heals our souls and the world. Amen (adapted by Bonnie by prayers taken from Tatyá Mato.)

**Please unmute and share in union lift up those living in need of prayer.....**

**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"

<https://youtu.be/IUmnTfsY3hI?si=7XjGe6nZuieJR5wUCOutnryies> *Country Road* John Denver

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.