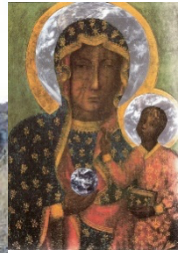




Church for Our Common Home *dedicated to Mother Earth, the Divine Feminine, Loving Community and the Arts*

*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 17, 2024



Pilgrimage for Peace; Calling People of Faith to witness Genocide in Gaza, Suicidal Wars of American Empire and the Destruction of our Habitat

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 Sunday 5-7 pm here at the John Cobb Eco Farm. Nancy Mahoney's group meets monthly in Woodstock NY, planning the forming of more groups in McMinnville and Bend Oregon.

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. Camping available

Announcing the launch of The Holy Ghost Spirit Band with Molly and Douglas Howell, Brian Humiston and Rev. Bonnie!

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](http://Home-peacewalk2024.org) April 27, 2024

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 and Bonnie Preaching in Partnership* Truman Price will join the Holy Ghost Spirit Band, March 31 The Black Madonna, Mary Magdalene Jesus and the Partnership Way, 4-5 pm pst **Celebration** and possible plans for a Pilgrimage for Peace!



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: “.....We expose the lies of our vaunted moral superiority. We expose the fundamental truth about western civilization. We are the most ruthless and efficient killers on the planet. This alone is why we dominate the wretched of the earth. It has nothing to do with democracy or freedom or liberty. These are rights we never intend to grant to the oppressed.” Chris Hedges from recent speech on YouTube

Dream Incubation “What should Church for Our Common Home do for Peace and Survival?”



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.

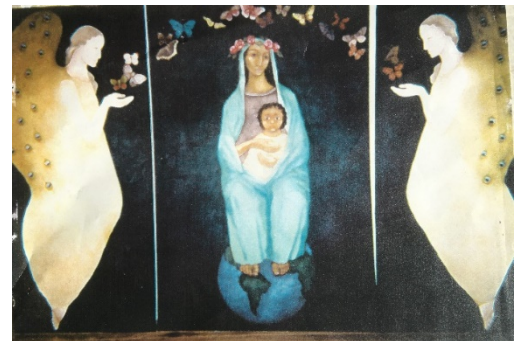
Musical Prayer and Invocation for Mother Earth our *4.5-billion-years 'old Mother!*

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.



Linda: Apachetas

Gospel of John Chapter 8 Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation

“I say only what Abba God has taught me. 29 The One who sent me is with me and has not deserted me, because I always do God’s will.” 30 While he spoke, many became believers. 31 Jesus said to those who believed in him, “If you live according to my teaching, you really are my disciples; 32 then you’ll know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Scripture The Gospel of the Beloved Companion The Complete Gospel of Mary

Magdalene, translated by Jehanne De Quillan

Mary Magdalene shares, “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 Jesus 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.....”

Reflection

Speech By Chris Hedges 2 months ago

https://youtu.be/0ubOOU2bO_w

Pilgrimage for Peace! A Walk in, with and for the Natural World with Interfaith Prayer and Song to bear witness of the genocide in Gaza, endless suicidal wars of American Empire and the destruction of our habitat.

Medley Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round and I Shall Not Walk Alone

Aint gonna let nobody, turn me 'round, turn me 'round, turn me 'round. Aint gonna let nobody, turn me round, keep on walkin' keep on talkin Walkin down freedom road.

Battered and torn, still I can see the light Tattered and worn, but I must kneel to fight
Friend of mine, what can you spare? I know sometimes it gets cold in there

When my legs no longer carry And the warm wind chills my bones
I just reach for Mother Mary And I shall not walk alone

Hope is alive while we're apart Only tears speak from my heart
Break the chains that hold us down We shall be forever bound

And when I'm tired and weary And a long, long way from home
I just reach for Mother Mary And I shall not walk alone

Beauty that we left behind How shall we forever find
Set aside our weight in sin So that we can live again

When my legs no longer carry And the warm wind chills my bones
I just reach for Mother Mary And I shall not walk alone
And I shall not walk alone And I shall not walk alone Ooh, I shall not walk alone.

Guided Meditation *Pilgrimage for Peace for People of Faith*

Breakout Zoom rooms Imagine a Pilgrimage for Peace and discuss where, when, with who.

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 children starving to death in Gaza, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Sudan and Yemen
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 animals, plants and humans who have died as refugees fleeing violence and famine.....
Presente

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

Please unmute and lift up the names of those who you mourn personally who have passed away.....
Presente

Dear God, Help us to know that we can all work for peace and the survival of our planet. Help us. Please come to us in dreams, visions and reveal your will for us as a church. (Silence) Amen

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 Prayer We Are Marching In The Light Of God. We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
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We Are Marching, Marching, We Are Marching, Oh Ohhh, We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching, Marching, We Are Marching, Oh Ohhh, We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

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”

Slumdog Millionaire <https://youtu.be/xPvPUk96vb0?si=SCij3-pt8ij-mmUM>

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.
