

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 31, 2024, Easter with Dr. John B. Cobb Jr.....Pilgrimage to an Ecological Civilization

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.

Special Music

The Swallow

Truman Price

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

Welcome to Bailey our new WWOOFER.

Happy 47 AA Birthday Walt. Join us for celebration and Bunny cake afer the ECSG!

Special thanks to Truman Price for the gift of music and *The Holy Ghost Spirit Band,* Molly Howell, Brian Humiston and Rev. Bonnie.

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

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

April 7 Taize *The Tree of Life and The Beloved Companion*

April 14 Guest Preacher Rick Staggenborg “Life is a Pilgrimage”

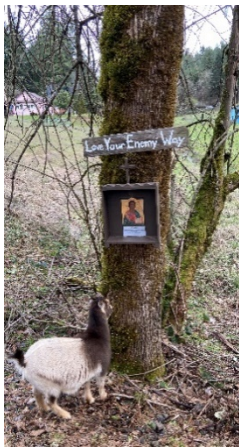
Saturday April 20 Planet Versus Plastic at the Baptist Church in McMinnville 2-5 pm Rev.

Bonnie will give presentation on Earth Crisis Support Groups and Potluck Parties

April 21 Earth Day Worship Service

April 22 Monday 6 pm Earth Day Movie Night in the Barn with Popcorn From the

filmmakers of *Kiss the Ground* comes follow-up documentary *Common Ground*, winner of the Tribeca Film Festival, provides hope for future generations with concrete ways to fix a broken planetary system, exploring how regenerative agriculture can help heal the soil, our health and the planet. Sequel documentary, *Kiss the Ground* <https://youtu.be/6-M4Hq0MKFA>



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, in 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 need to think not in mechanical terms but in organic terms. And there's lots of evidence that that's a good, sound way of thinking about nature. We really need to shift our view so that other things – besides human beings – have value in and of themselves. We need to respect all things in nature and not treat them simply as resources for our use. Then there would be a chance of having what we are calling for: an ‘ecological civilization.’ And that's what I'm committed to. It's still a civilization. It's got science. It's got technology. But it subordinates the use of things to the appreciation of all things.” John B. Cobb Jr. interview with Ruth Sharone



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.

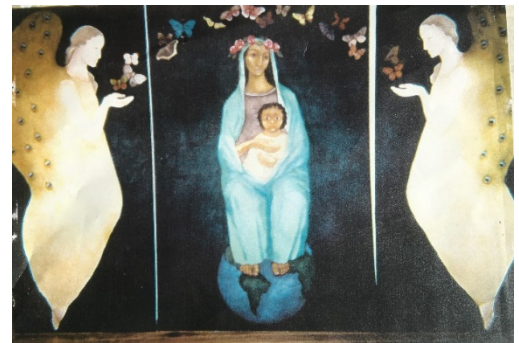
Musical Prayer and Invocation for Mother Earth our *4.5-billion-years 'old Mother!*

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 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.

Opening Hymn *I Come to the Garden Alone* by C. Michael Hawn (words adapted by Rev. Bonnie)

1. I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, is Jesus and Mary Magdalene.

(Chorus) And THEY walk with me, And THEY talk with me.
And THEY tell me I am THEIR own. And the joy we share as we tarry there None other has ever known.

2. She speaks and the sound of her voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that she gave to me, within my heart is ringing.

(Chorus) And she walks with me, and she talks with me.
And she tells me I am her own. And the joy we share as we tarry there None other has ever known.

3. I'll stay in the garden with THEM Though the night around me is falling
As THEY bid me go through the voice of woe Their voice to me is calling (Chorus)

(Chorus) And THEY walk with you, And THEY talk with you.
And THEY tell you they are your own. And the joy we all share as we tarry there. None other has ever known.

Reading "In this sense, God is the great companion – the fellow-sufferer who understands."

Alfred North Whitehead, *Process and Reality: An Essay in Cosmology*

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 up into 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 humanity42:13 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, and I realized that the fetter of forgetfulness was temporary.'"

Musical Response

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

I Christ Sophia, is risen today, Al – le – lu – ia
Spirits of all and angels say, Al – le – lu – ia
Raise your voice and triumphs high, Al – le – lu – ia
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Al – le – lu – ia

Reflection

Pilgrimage to an Ecological Civilization

Musical Response *Annie's Song* by John Denver

You fill up my senses Like a night in the forest Like the mountains in springtime Like a walk in the rain
Like a storm in the desert Like a sleepy blue ocean You fill up my senses Come fill me again

Come let me love you Let me give my life to you Let me drown in your laughter Let me die in your arms
Let me lay down beside you Let me always be with you Come let me love you Come love me again

Response

Dr. John B. Cobb Jr.

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*)

(Say in unison "Presente" to acknowledge the those who have died who are present with us.) **Dear God** We pray for over 32,000 civilians who have been murdered in the genocide in Gaza, 14,000 who are children**Presente** We pray for children starving to death in Gaza, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Sudan and Yemen **Presente Presente** We pray for the hundreds of journalists, UN workers and doctors and medical workers in Gaza who have died..... **Presente** We pray for 100,000's or Russian and Ukrainian soldiers who have died as well as the civilians in the two countries..... We pray for the refugees who have died at the Mexican border and around the world.....**Presente** We pray for the animals and plants who have died as refugees fleeing violence and famine.....**Presente** We pray for the 150 species that go extinct everyday here on our common home..... **Presente**

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

Nada te turbe (Brian Humiston on guitar) Nada te turbe, Nada te espanta, Quien a Dios tiene, Nada le falta Nada te turbe, Nada te falta, Solo Dios basta (Let nothing disturb you... Whoever has God lacks nothing....)

Dear God, You who are our beloved companion, our fellow sufferer, Our Lady who understands, We give you thanks today for the magnificence and miracle of Spring, new life and hope that is alive in our hearts. Thank you for our religious teachers who have brought us the Good News of the Gospel that love is stronger than betrayal, torture and death. We give thanks for the vision of an ecological civilization and for our living eco saint John Cobb who has been our teacher and beloved companion. May our vision of an ecological civilization turn our wooden bodies into deep feelings of passioante love for God's creation as we walk a pilgrimage for an ecological civilization in Squads of Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Thank you for new stories, images and encounters with you Holy One. Our hearts overflow with gratitude and praise. Thank you. Amen

Please unmute and share in union **lift up what you are grateful for.....**

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

Musical Medley Benediction We Are Marching In The Light Of God. We Are Marching In The Light Of God. (repeat) This little light of mine.....This little dream of mine its gonna be my guide.....This little dance of mine, dancing with God all the time.....We Shall not we shall not be moved, (repeat) just like a tree

that's growing by the water, we shall not be moved. (repeat) When the Saints Go Marchin In (repeat) I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in. (repeat)

(Announcement of new time for sharing before worship at 3:45 pm for those on Zoom and in Earth Crisis Support Group in person after worship)



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. by Miriam Therese Winter

Benediction in Dance at the Mary Magdalene Café Hafiz four words of God “Come Dance with Me”

The Butterfly

Molly Howell

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.
