



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!

*The U.S. In Ukraine --MSPD (More of the Same, Piled on
Deeper)*

Rev. Carol Hilton Guest Preacher



September 24, 2023

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 at the John Cobb Eco Farm, 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 *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.

New Date Wisdom Will Workshop Saturday October 21 11-4 pm with lunch. Come create a Wisdom Will for your ancestors and people of future generations. We will share stories of life and explore Green Burial and other business to prepare for death. Rev. Bonnie and Dr. Cecilia Ranger in the summer on Zoom and in the barn with “donuts and apple cider.” Her book on Amazon, *Audacity to Live, Memories of a ‘Why-Not’ Woman* helpful websites, www.partnershipforcaring.org, www.agingwithdignity.org.

Please read, *America on the Brink, How US Foreign Policy Led to the War in Ukraine* and *The Christian Gospel for American*, by David Ray Griffin

Rev. Liz Theoharis speaker Wednesday Oct. 18th Willamette University, cosponsored by AAUW.

Some alternative news sources include Code Pink, www.codepink.org, the Poor People's Campaign, www.poorpeoplescampaign.org, Living Earth Movement, www.livingearthmovement.eco, "to inspire global cooperation for the sake of all life on our planet, beginning with the United States and China."

Other News sources: Democracy Now, Chris Hedges,(Pulitzer prize winning journalist and Christian minister) OpEd News, Popular Resistance, YES! Magazine, Common Ground.

Honoring the Kalapuyan People We give thanks for the miracle of God's creation here in Dallas, Oregon. We invite prayers of gratitude for this sacred place. This was the homeland of the Kalapuyan people before the colonizers came and inflicted genocide on the native peoples, the land, plants, animals 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 Americas. We commit to truth telling and working to make amends for the harm done. Truth and reconciliation will set us free!

Lighting of the Black Madonna of the America's-- Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle

Meditation [America On the Brink](#), David Ray Griffin *Sixteen Lies Told by the U.S. Government*

"In May of 2022, Richard Ochs published an article in *Covert Action Magazine* titled "The 16 Biggest Lies the U.S. Government Tells America about the Ukraine War. Here is the list:1."Ukraine is a democracy"2."National sovereignty is sacred"3."Putin is a war criminal 4."The world condemns Russia's invasion"5."Putin has threatened to use nuclear weapons"6."With his back against the wall, Putin will resort to chemical warfare, just like in Syria"7."Putin may resort to biological warfare"8."Russia is targeting civilians in Ukraine"9."Russia will make false flag attacks"10."If Putin prevails in Ukraine, he will attack NATO countries next"11."Russia is threatening nuclear power plants"12."Russia's invasion threatens the whole world"13."The U.S. Has a 'free press' while Russia's news is controlled"14."Russia is planning cyber-attacks on the U.S."15."Russian is killing children."16 "Russia may use tactical nuclear weapons""

12 Step program for an Ecological Civilization Church For Our Common Home is a God centered and



guided church that worships with animals and is dedicated to Mother Earth. The Secret Prayer Garden invites interfaith prayers for the Earth at the John Cobb Eco Farm with twelve Tree Prayer Stations over five acres. We work for an Ecologic Civilization with our 12-step program.



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 organization
12. Experiment with nontraditional church in order to create relevant, spirit filled and loving community.

Musical Invocation for our 4.5-billion-years old Mother!

Let All the Beauty We Have Known UU Hymnal #326 <https://youtu.be/zsw6E2LI60o?si=quF45NTuswXnqrjG>

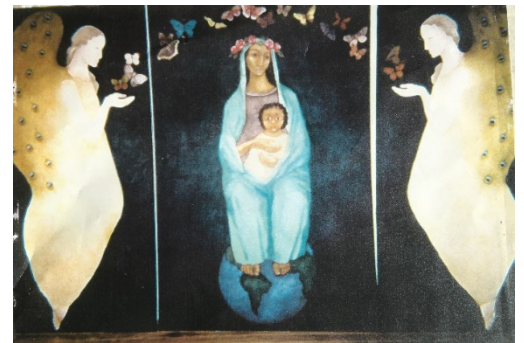
Passing of the Peace (Unmute and share greetings)

God Loves You and There is Nothing You Can Do About It!

Welcoming Angels, Ancestors and Spirits to Worship

Musical Prayers *I Talk to the Trees* (composed by Frederick Loewe and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner from *Paint Your Wagon* adapted by Bonnie, please unmute and sing with and for the animals)

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.



Introduction of Rev. Carol Hilton

Ms. Martha Garcia

Reading: Jerusalem ["And did those feet in ancient time"] BY WILLIAM BLAKE

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon Englands mountains green:
And was the holy Lamb of God,
On Englands pleasant pastures seen!

And did the Countenance Divine,
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here,
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my Bow of burning gold:
Bring me my arrows of desire:
Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my Chariot of fire!

I will not cease from Mental Fight,
 Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand:
 Till we have built Jerusalem,
 In Englands green & pleasant Land.

Scripture Psalm 34:14,15- 14 Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation

34:14 turn away from bad and practice good; seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of YHWH are on those who do justice, and God's ears are open to their cry.

Scripture Gospel of Matthew Chapter 5: 9 Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian
 Jesus began to teach them..... Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God.

Reflection *The U.S. In Ukraine --MSPD (More of the Same, Piled on Deeper)* Rev. Carol Hilton

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

Please unmute and lift up and give thanks to God called by many names for something you are grateful for in creation today.....

Virtual Wailing Wall Nancy: Dear Holy One, We confess our sins, personally and collectively, those known to us and those unknown. Please help open our hearts to loving our enemies and a conversion to your radical love. Amen

Dear Christ Sophia, We pray for our enemies. We pray for our country the United States to learn the truth, to experience a conversion as we wake up. May we make amends by making war no more. Please God give us courage to unmask, name and engage the powers and principalities of radical evil of our time. Amen

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 (Prayer from Don't Look Up)

Prayer *Prayer For The Earth, by Barbara Deming*

Spirit of love--That flows against our flesh--Sets it trembling--Moves across it as across grass--Erasing every boundary that we accept--And swings the doors of our lives wide----*This is a prayer I sing: Save our perishing earth!*

Spirit that hears each one of us,--Hears all that is---Listens, listens, hears us out----*Inspire us now!*

Our own pulse beats in every stranger's throat, and also there within the flowered ground beneath our feet,----
And-- teach us to listen!—

We can hear it in the water, in wood and even in stone. We are the earth of this earth, and we are bone of its
 bone.---- *This is a prayer I sing, for we have forgotten this and so the earth is perishing.* -----Ba

Silent Prayer for our common home Mother Earth.

Musical Response *For the Earth Forever Turning* <https://youtu.be/Ona33w3kooU?si=-QFoDjg3MUiHThVp>

Invitation to Come to our Party of Sharing and Dancing!

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.

The Mary Magdalene Café and Dancing Hafiz, a Sufi master's four words of God, "Come Dance with Me!"

<https://youtu.be/pvjgLTpftQ?si=AgutSIiUT5a45xFK> *If I Had A Hammer* Peter Paul and Mary
