



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!*

TAIZE Animal Blessing October 1, 2023

Part 1 We are All of God's Everyday Creatures

Next week Animal Blessings Part 2

Earth Crisis Support Groups, Food, Feelings and Festivities with
St. Francis and St. Clare and Rebuilding God's Church



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.

Next week Animal Blessings Part 2 Please bring your animals and photos of animals that have passed and stories to share.

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 We are All of God's Creatures

Everyday People, (Bonnie's adaptation *Everyday Creatures*) "We Got To Live Together"

Sometimes I'm right, then I can be wrong My own beliefs are in my songs,

A human, a rooster, a goat and a hen, Makes no difference what barn yard I'm in, I-I-I-I am everyday creature.

Sometimes I'm right, then I can be wrong, My own belief are in my song, A human, a cougar, a bear and hawk Makes no difference what forrest I'm in, I-I-I-I am everyday creature.

A human, a salmon , a whale and a sqid, Makes no difference what ocean I'm in, I-I-I-I am everyday creature.

A human, a pigeon a dog and a cat, Makes no difference what city I'm in, I-I-I-I am everyday creature.

A human, a tiger, a snake and an ape, Makes no difference what jungle I'm in, I-I-I-I am everyday creature.

A human, nasturtiums, kale and a beat, Makes no difference what garden I'm in, **We are all of God's creature.**



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!** *Our Dear, Dear Mother* by Raffi (Chorus)
Earth our 4.5-billion-years old Mother! 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.

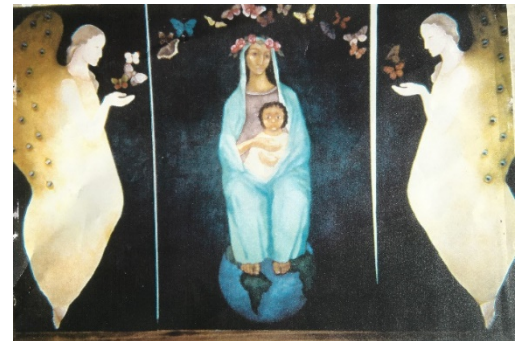
Love, love, love, love, earthlings this, this is your call. Love your God with your heart soul and mind for God loves us all. (repeat)

Passing of the Peace (Unmute and share greetings)

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

Welcoming Angels, Ancestors and Spirits to Worship God said to Teresa of Avila, "Now I no longer want you to speak with men, but with angels."

(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)



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 Mother Earth.

Walt and Bonnie: News about Earth Crisis Support Groups from the Secret Garden Retreat Center at the 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, 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 and Blessing of Black Chicken Babies

Sing, sing, sing of a blessing. (repeat) A blessing of hope, A blessing of courage, I
ove will release, a blessing of peace.

Memorial of Henny Penny**Taize**

Scripture Job 12:7-12 “But ask the animals what they think—let them teach you;
Put your ear to the earth—learn the basics. Listen—the fish in the ocean will tell
you their stories. And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you. Or speak to
the earth, and let it teach you;

**Silence**

Chant Listen, listen, listen to my heart song (repeat) I will never forsake you I will never forget you. (repeat)

Reading Mary Oliver BEARS TRYING TO SURVIVE ON THE MELTING ICE FLOES

That God had a plan, I do not doubt. But what if His plan was, that we would do better?

Silence

Chant O God hear our prayer, O God hear our prayer, when I call, answer me, O God hear our prayer, O God
hear our prayer, come and listen to me. (repeat)

Reading Mary Oliver BLACK BEAR

Now comes black bear into the field. His mouth hangs open just a little. His bulk twitches in the long
grass.

Listen, black bear, I say: Do you get it?

We have created cities!

We have weapons you will not ever imagine, or understand.

We build machines that fly, that plough the great waters.

Bear's eyes flicker. His nose pinches the air. He does not care what I say.

He does not hear even a scrap of it.

He is listening only to the perfection of his own life.

Oh, black bear, soften me with your immutable disdain.

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)

Reading Mary Oliver “HER GRAVE She would come back, dripping thick water, from the green bog. She
would fall at my feet, she would draw the black skin from her gums, in a hideous and wonderful smile—and I
would rub my hands over her pricked ears and her cunning elbows, and I would hug the barrel of her body,
amazed at the unassuming perfect arch of her neck. It took four of us to carry her into the woods. We did not
think of music, but, anyway, it began to rain slowly. Her wolfish, invitational, half-pounce. Her great and lordly
satisfaction at having chased something. My great and lordly satisfaction at her splash of happiness as she

barged through the pitch pines swiping my face with her wild, slightly mossy tongue. Does the hummingbird think he himself invented his crimson throat? He is wiser than that, I think. A dog lives fifteen years, if you're lucky. Do the cranes crying out in the high clouds think it is all their own music? A dog comes to you and lives with you in your own house, but you do not therefore own her, as you do not own the rain, or the trees, or the laws which pertain to them. Does the bear wandering in the autumn up the side of the hill think all by herself she has imagined the refuge and the refreshment of her long slumber? A dog can never tell you what she knows from the smells of the world, but you know, watching her, that you know almost nothing. Does the water snake with his backbone of diamonds think the black tunnel on the bank of the pond is a palace of his own making. She roved ahead of me through the fields, yet would come back, or wait for me, or be somewhere. Now she is buried under the pines. Nor will I argue it, or pray for anything but modesty, and not to be angry. Through the trees there is the sound of the wind, palavering. The smell of the pine needles, what is it but a taste of the infallible energies? How strong was her dark body! How apt is her grave place. How beautiful is her unshakable sleep. Finally, the slick mountains of love break over us."

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.

Reading Mary Oliver "THE GIFT Be still, my soul, and steadfast. Earth and heaven both are still watching though time is draining from the clock and your walk, that was confident and quick, has become slow. So, be slow if you must, but let the heart still play its true part. Love still as once you loved, deeply and without patience. Let God and the world know you are grateful. That the gift has been given."

Silence

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

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

Chant (adapted from Raffi) Thanks for the animals, thanks for the land, thanks for the people everywhere. Thank you God, thanks for all we've got, thank you God for all we've got.

Please unmute and lift up and give thanks to God called by many names for something you are grateful for the animals in God's 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 to 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)

Musical Prayer St Francis and St. Clare Prayer Make me an instrument t of our peace where there is hatred let me sown love, Where there is injury pardon Where there is doubt faith. Where there is despair, hope where there is darkness light. And where there is sadness joy, and where there is sadness joy, joy, joy! God Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

Silent Prayer for our common home Mother Earth.

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 sprit 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/-g4UWvcZn5U?si=Sadp4zJjCykoHoNc> *Everyday People*, Playing for Change
