



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 Cafe!*

October 15, 2023

Prayer service for Israel and Palestine

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.

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.

Statement from American Faith Leaders Fall of 2023 Would anyone like to work with me on a Statement from Faith Leaders Fall of 2023 and to ask to begin new Peace Movement and ask for signatures from faith communities to send to world leaders? The first line of letter begins with MLK quote, "The greatest purveyor of violence in the world: My own Government, I cannot be Silent." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Statement to Sign about Israel and Palestine <https://www.tikkun.org/statement-of-solidarity-with-israel-palestine/>

CANCELED Wisdom Will Workshop Saturday October 21 11-4 pm. Dr. Cecilia Ranger book on Amazon, *Audacity to Live, Memories of a 'Why-Not' Woman* helpful websites, www.partnershipforcaring.org, www.agingwithdignity.org.

Check out new profile for Wwoofer's to come to live and work with us here at the John Cobb Eco Farm www.wwoofusa.org

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

Emergency CODEPINK Congress webinar on Oct 17 at 8pm ET to discuss the events in Palestine. The event will focus on the rampant misinformation and propaganda plaguing the media at the moment.

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

A Taste of Ukraine Fundraiser Ukrainian Dinner that will be held Saturday, October 28 from 5:30-7:30pm at St Barnabas Church, 822 NW 2nd Street, McMinnville, sponsored by the McMinnville Refugee Coalition for the support of the Ukrainian Family that has recently located in McMinnville. \$40 per person are being sold in advance only through Sign Up Genius- McMinnville Refugee Coalition Taste of Ukraine Dinner: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AACAD2FA6FB6-44583139-volunteer#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AACAD2FA6FB6-44583139-volunteer#/) You may also volunteer to help cook or serve at the dinner at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AACAD2FA6FB6-44583139-volunteer#/> or contact Bettie Egerton at Bettieandkiki@yahoo.com. The McMinnville Refugee Coalition consists of five local churches.

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 "The greatest purveyor of violence in the world: My own Government, I cannot be Silent." Martin Luther King, Jr.

12 Step program for an Ecological Civilization The Secret Prayer Garden invites interfaith prayers for the Earth at the John Cobb Eco Farm with twelve Tree Prayer Stations over five acres. Church for Our Common Home works 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)

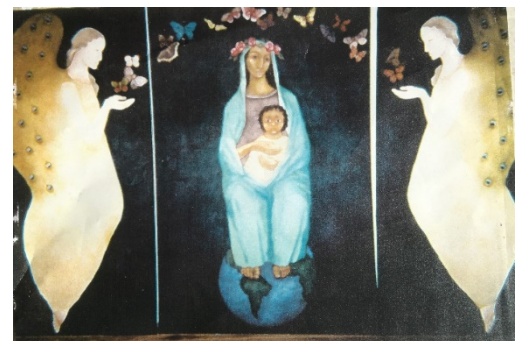
Passing of the Peace (Unmute and share greetings)

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 from the Secret Garden Retreat Center at the John Cobb Eco Farm

Email from friend in Jerusalem “Thanks for your warm words. I'm ok and my family is ok. But we all are still shocked, terrified . anxious and in deep sorrow..... Thanks for inviting me to talk on zoom and to your worship. But I'm not in the mood now, I'm deep in mourning and sorrow. Tamar”

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.

Scripture Genesis Chapter 21: 16-17**Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation** Hagar said to herself, “Don’t let me see the child die!” and she began to wail and weep. 17 God heard the child crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven. “What is wrong, Hagar?” the angel asked. “Do not be afraid, for God has heard the child’s cry.

Reading *Hagar Poems* by Mohja Kahf *Isaac Wakes Up to Ismail and Hagar Terrorizing the house.*

This crazy black women banging on our door,
And her glowering bearded brown son behind her, scare me.
They don’t belong here. Can’t they see
they are disturbing my homeland security?

The first time these strangers surfaced,
Mama fainted at the screen door
And my father sat me down:
“Sone, there’s a trifling thin we haven’t told you.
There was no room for it in our curriculum.
....so you see, this woman was—just a blip in our story.
No pledges were made that needed keeping.
What they say’s not true; do not believe it.
They are crafty, they are taught from birth to lie.
We are still the decent folk you know.
Its all them; they are incapable of modern life.
The other ones, well yes, he is your brother.
Technically—but estranged. We deny
any living family ties.”

“But—but why do they hate us?”
I almost cried, eyes big and shining.
A hole gasped beneath me, full of monsters.
Mama squeezed my hand. “Don’t worry.
You don’t ever have to know them.

We have made this lovely shell for you.
 Called 'our quality of life.'
 This must go on unbroken.
 Our barges full of garbage must stay free
 To plow their stately course on the sea.
 Do not let doubts across the border.
 Not a single trip to Burger Land
 Will we compromise."

Still. Sometimes I hear their keening
 Under the hum of our fridge or my tv.
 "Lies, all lies," I tell myself,
 But I don't know if the noises
 getting louder are outside the house
 or inside my head,
 a terroristic truth destroying me.

Gospel of Matthew Chapter 5: 43-45 Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation 43 "You have heard it said, 'Love your neighbor—but hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for your persecutors. 45 This will prove that you are children of God. For God makes the sun rise on bad and good alike; God's rain falls on the just and the unjust.

Gospel of Luke Chapter 6:27-28 "To you who hear me, I say: love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you.

Reflection

Prayers for Israel and Palestine

Reading *The Essential Gandhi* edited by Louis Fischer

"Prayer has saved my life....I had my share of the bitterest public and private experiences. They threw me into temporary despair. If I was able to get rid of that despair it was because of prayer. It has not been a part of my life as truth has been. It came out of sheer necessity as I found myself in a plight where I could not possibly be happy without it. And as time when my faith in God increased and more irresistible became the yearning for prayer. Life seemed to be dull and vacant without it....In spite of despair staring me in the face on the political horizons, I have never lost my peace...That peace comes from prayer... I am indifferent as to the form. Everyone is a law unto himself in that respect...Let everyone try to find that as a result of daily prayer he adds something new to his life. "

A Muslim Prayer of Peace Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations, that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust in God, for the Lord is the one that heareth and knoweth all things. And the servants of God, Most Gracious are those who walk on the Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say "PEACE." —Based on the Koran, 49:13, 8:61

A Jewish Prayer for those who have died O God, exalted and full of compassion, grant perfect peace in your sheltering, presence, among the holy and the pure, to the souls of our loved ones, who have departed from this world. Source of Mercy, bring them into Your presence. Let their souls be bound up in the bond of eternity. May their memory inspire us to live justly and kindly....May they rest in peace, and may they be bound up in the bond of eternal life. And let us say: Amen

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.

Zoom Breakout Rooms (Please no cross talk, meaning we don't comment on what others share)

Virtual Wailing Wall

Nancy Mahoney: 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 experince 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

Goddess of Love seeing all hearts and minds you know when we are angry and rageful. You know our fears and hear our protest songs against those who profit from war. You know our lack of courage to stand up to injustice. No lives are mere collateral damage in your eyes. People of every flag are your people. You know how violence can lead to more violence when we want more than an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. To often we don't consider loving our enemies, or, if we have we see it as impossible or worse, as naïveté. Goddess of love you see our trust in ever more destructive weapons and ever more probing surveillance in our efforts to stay safe. Give us a new vision of power that "is love implementing the demands of justice" (MLK.) without hypocrisy. Turn our hearts and our nation's heart toward love of your offspring, all the fruit of your womb, the human and the more than human. May we even see our enemies as your children and learn to not do to others what we would not want done to us. 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
(Prayer from Don't Look Up)

The 23 Psalm Dedicated to My Mother words adapted by Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepard, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me,
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house,
Forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen

Silent Prayer for all life here on 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 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."
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