



## 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!*

*October 22, 2023*

*Sharing Feelings with the President and First  
Lady about a Genocide in the Holy Land Suffered by  
One Million Palestinian Children*

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

**The Global Nonviolent Action Database** [Home | Global Nonviolent Action Database \(swarthmore.edu\)](http://Home|GlobalNonviolentActionDatabase(swarthmore.edu)) provides free access to information about hundreds of cases of nonviolent action, from all continents and most countries, for learning and for citizen action. The database is a project of Swarthmore College... The database supports searches by country, by issue, by action method used, and even by year -- there is a case from ancient Egypt, 12th century BCE! Some cases are part of a "wave" of campaigns, such as the "Arab Awakening" of 2011."



**Want to have a mini Wisdom Will Workshop?** helpful websites, [www.partnershipforcaring.org](http://www.partnershipforcaring.org), [www.agingwithdignity.org](http://www.agingwithdignity.org).

Check out [www.woofusa.org](http://www.woofusa.org) and our profile will soon be live. Volunteers from around the world come to work on organic farms and receive room and board. Jaxon and Niko arrive tomorrow, here at the John Cobb Eco Farm. We ask for prayers for Jaxon and Niko and our collaboration work with WWOOF.

**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.

**Krystle Angela Garcia- Seremeo's friend** coming to share next week about her work in SD during announcements. We All We Got SD , <http://weallwegotSD.com/> and [Abolitionist Collective | Detention Resistance](http://AbolitionistCollective.com/DetentionResistance)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, McMinnville, sponsored by the McMinnville Refugee Coalition \$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](mailto:Bettieandkiki@yahoo.com). The McMinnville Refugee Coalition consists of five local churches.



**Church in the Park for the homeless in Salem event**, *Widening the Circle of Belonging* Chemeketa Community College EOLA campus, 215 Doaks Ferry Rd. NW Salem, 97304, \$25 Wednesday Nov 8, 5-7:30 pm

**Some alternative news sources include** Code Pink, [www.codepink.org](http://www.codepink.org), the Poor People's Campaign, [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org), Living Earth Movement, [www.livingearthmovement.eco](http://www.livingearthmovement.eco), "to inspire global cooperation for the sake of all life on our planet, beginning with the United States and China." Democracy Now ( Free speech TV) Chris Hedges,( Pulitzer prize winning journalist and Christian minister) OpEd News, Popular Resistance, YES! Magazine, Common Ground, [100 Best Liberal Political Blogs and Websites in 2023 \(feedspot.com\)](http://100BestLiberalPoliticalBlogsandWebsitesin2023.feedspot.com)

**Code Pink Petition** to sign, [http://www.codepink.org/indefensible?recruiter\\_id=633214](http://www.codepink.org/indefensible?recruiter_id=633214)

**Please sign up for Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib newsletter** on her website. She is the only Palestinian American in Congress. [Home - Rashida Tlaib \(house.gov\)](http://Home-RashidaTlaib.house.gov) (Thank you Nancy)

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

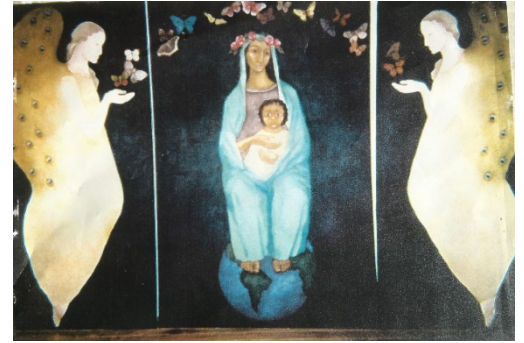
God Loves You and There is Nothing You Can Do About It!



**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

**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.”

**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 and Presentation of Opal Wong Award to John Cobb and Nancy Mahoney**

*Sharing Feelings with the President and First Lady about a Genocide in the Holy Land Suffered by One Million Palestinian Children*

**Reading Letter to President Biden and First Lady Biden**

**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 of Thanksgiving Psalm 96:1-9 Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation**

1 Sing to YHWH a new song!

Sing to YHWH, all the earth! 2 Sing to YHWH, bless God's Name!

Proclaim God's salvation day after day; 3 declare God's glory among the nations,

God's marvels to every people. 4 YHWH is great, most worthy of praise,

YHWH is to be revered above all gods. 5 the gods of the nations are nothing,

they don't exist—but YHWH created the universe. 6 In God's presence are splendor and majesty,

in God's sanctuary power and beauty. 7 Pay tribute to YHWH, you tribes of the people;

pay tribute to the God of glory and power. 8 Pay tribute to the glorious Name of YHWH;

bring out the offering, and carry it into God's courts. 9 worship YHWH, majestic in holiness;

tremble in God's presence, all the earth!

**A prayer of gratitude for John Cobb, Nancy Mahoney and of God's gifts** (Please lift up someone or something in creation you are grateful for!)

**A Christian Musical Prayer** attributed to **St. Francis and St. Clare** 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 share your thoughts and feelings with no cross talk, meaning we don't comment on what others share)

### **Virtual Wailing Wall**

**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

**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 (written by Nancy Mahoney)

**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 (Pray for movie Don't Look Up)

**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."

[https://youtu.be/T3g9QUT\\_oP0?si=vHiIE1eOJvHexGBV](https://youtu.be/T3g9QUT_oP0?si=vHiIE1eOJvHexGBV) *Country Road*, Playing for Change

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