



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!



December 3, 2023

Advent What is God Calling You to Be or Become?

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.

Molly Howell's workshop Thursday evenings on Zoom "Gone to Seed: An experimental community seminar" 11/30, 12/7,14,21 6-8 pm mollyhowell@proton.me

Prayer vigil for the homeless in Corvallis Thursday Dec. 21, 5:30 pm

Special thanks to Edie for UU Faithify Grant to begin 2 new Earth Crisis Support Groups in Oregon need to raise \$2,000 in 30 days. Please share grant link

Weekly Interfaith Prayer and Song Vigil for Peace 10 am Saturday's Beginning November 11 Benton County Courthouse Corvallis Cosponsored by Peace and Justice Strategies Office, School of History, Philosophy and Religion OSU, Corvallis Interfaith Network and Church for Our Common Home.

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.

Dec. 10th next Sunday Our Lady of Guadalupe dedicate worship to Bill Luce, playwright, musician and friend. Her feast Day is Dec. 12th and she is the Black Madonna of the America's and the guiding Spirit of Church for Our Common Home.

Dec 17 Mary's Magnificat

Manger Christmas Eve with the Animals Sunday Dec. 24 4 pm

New Years Eve Dec. 31, 4 pm Dream Sharing, Incubation and Ritual with bonfire

The Global Nonviolent Action Database [Home | Global Nonviolent Action Database \(swarthmore.edu\)](#) 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

WOOOF profile [Live and Learn on Organic Farms - WOOOF USA](#) Volunteers from around the world come to work on organic farms and receive room and board.

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 and will be explored in worship for 2023.

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." 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 \(feedspot.com\)](#)

Please sign up for Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib newsletter on her website. She is the only Palestinian American in Congress. [Home - Rashida Tlaib \(house.gov\)](#) (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

Meditation "The angel went on to say to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. 31 You'll conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus." Gospel of Luke (Gabriel's Message by Gordon Matthew Sumner) The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame "All hail" said he thou lowly Maiden Mary Most highly favoured lady Gloria, Gloria.

Lectio Divina From what you are learning from this story what is God call you to begin or become?

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.

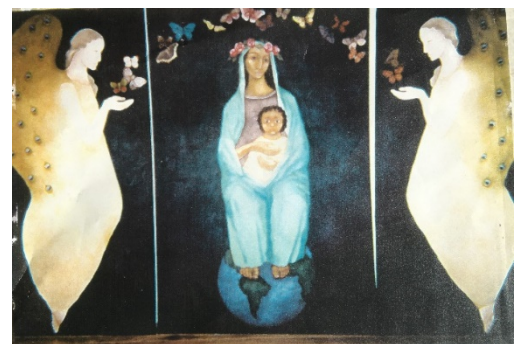
Love, love, love, love, earthlings this, this is your call. Love your God with your heart soul and mind for God loves us all. (repeat)

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

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.

TAIZE Advent

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Lighting of the Advent Candles

Scripture Gospel of Luke Chapter 1:26 Six months later, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. 28 Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, “Rejoice, highly favored one! God is with you! Blessed are you among women!”

Silence

Chant (Gabriel’s Message by Gordon Matthew Sumner) The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame "All hail" said he thou lowly Maiden Mary Most highly favoured lady Gloria, Gloria. (repeat)

Scripture Gospel of Luke Chapter 1:29 Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered what the angel’s greeting meant. 30 The angel went on to say to her, “Don’t be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. 31 You’ll conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus—‘Deliverance.’”

Silence

Chant For known a blessed mother thou shalt be All generations laud and honor thee
Thy son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold Most highly favoured lady Gloria, Gloria (repeat)

Scripture Gospel of Luke Chapter 1 God will give Jesus the judgment seat of David, his ancestor, 33 to rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have never been with a man?” 35 The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you—hence the offspring to be born will be called the Holy One of God.

Silence

Chant Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head “To me, be as it pleaseth God” she said
 “My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy name” Most highly favoured lady Gloria, Gloria(repeat)

Scripture Gospel of Luke Chapter 1: 36 Know too that Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has conceived a child in her old age; she who was thought to be infertile is now in her sixth month. 37 Nothing is impossible with God.” 38 Mary said, “I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say.” With that, the angel left her.

Silence

Chant Of her, Emanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a a Christmas morn. And everyone throughout the world will ever say, Most highly favored Lady, Gloria, Gloria. (repeat)

Scripture Psalm 139: 11 if I say, “The darkness will hide me, and night will be my only light,” 12 even darkness won’t be dark to you; the night will shine like the day—darkness and night are the same to you. You created my most being and stitched me together in my mother’s womb. 14 For all these mysteries I thank you—for the wonder of myself, for the wonder of your works—my soul knows it well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you while I was being made in that secret place, knitted together in the depths of the earth; 16 your eyes saw my body even there.

Silence

Chant O Come O come Emmanuel and with your captive children dwell. Give comfort to all exiles here and to the aching heart bid cheer. Rejoice, rejoice Emanuel shall come within as Love to dwell. (repeat)

Scripture Jeremiah 29:11 I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares God; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.

Silence

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

Scripture Psalm 22:9-10 (God) you are the one who pulled me from the womb, placing me safely at my mother’s breasts. I was thrown on you from birth; you’ve been my God since I was in my mother’s womb.

Silence

Chant Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God’s holy name. Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life. (repeat)

Lectio Divina Sharing From what you are learning from this story what is God call you to begin or become?

The Virtual Wailing Wall

Nancy Mahoney: Dear Holy One, We confess our sins, personally and collectively. We have been Weak and not stood up strongly against cruelty. We come to humbly confess. Please help open our hearts that we may have a conversion to your ways of living in radical love. Help us wake up and walk forth in dark times Amen

Dear Christ Sophia, We pray to learn to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors as Jesus taught us. May we make amends by living in truth and love. Please God give us courage to do your will. 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

Please respond after the bell rings, “God Help us. Hear our prayer.”

Holy One, Please guide Church for Our Common Home that we may become a community of love for all creatures. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** This Advent we promise to listen to what you are giving us and we will become what you are calling us to become. May we have the courage to go into the depths of our own selves to purge our own demons. Help us stop clinging to our petty neuroses and may we Walk Forth into the dark and during this dark seasons in Courage and Love knowing you are always with us. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We pray for Palestine’s Israelis, Ukrainians, Russians, Americans and all the worlds peoples who are suffering. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** We ask for forgiveness for all the ways we have not loved and served you. **God help us. Hear our prayer** We pray for the 150 species that are going extinct everyday. **God help us. Hear our prayer.** May we be open to the visitations of angels this advent. **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.”

Feliz NAVIDAD

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