



Sunday, August 17, 2025

"What is Home?"

With Rev. Ken Jones

Rev. Ken Jones has worked with people who don't have buildings to stay in, and the agencies trying to assist them, for many years now. Most everyone agrees that it is an urgent need and effective solutions are difficult to come by. But the fact that we have this problem raises some deeper questions about what a "home" is and why it is so important in our culture today.

Content warning: Rev. Ken Jones will be talking about people without homes.

The Rev. Ken Jones (he/him/his) is semi-retired from Ministry in UU Congregations, having served in Tacoma, Yakima, and Ellensburg, Washington and Hood River, Oregon over the last twenty-five years. His "home" is in Yakima, but he is eager to spend more time wandering in his mini camper van (in which he'll be traveling to Olympia for this service!)

At OUUC, masks are welcome and optional. Please join us online if you don't feel well.
Kindly put your cell phones into Airplane Mode to help us ensure a meaningful experience for all in attendance, onsite and online.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary at the tech desk.

Prelude

Troy Fisher (he/him)

Morning Song

Congregation

"Hold Fast to Love"

Words and Music: Lynn Harrison

Welcome

*Alicia Seegers Martinelli
(she/her)*

Chalice Lighting

with words of Rev. Ken Jones

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Opening Words

excerpt from “Diary of a Young Girl,”

by Anne Frank

Rev. Ken Jones (he/him)

Opening Hymn

Hymn #1027 “Cuando el Pobre”

(When the Poor Ones)

Words: Martin A. Seltz

Music: Jose Antonio Olivar and Miquel Manzano

Arr.: Alvin Schutmaat

Congregation

Story For All

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

written by Eugene Trivizas, as told by Rev. Ken Jones

Rev. Ken Jones

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Share the Plate Offering

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Offertory

Troy Fisher

Ritual of Sharing From the Heart

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Prayerful Practice

Rev. Ken Jones

Musical Response

“Be Still and Breathe”

Words: Gabe Perbieri

Music: Loretta K. Notareschi

Congregation

Reading

excerpt from The Unsettling of America

by Wendell Berry

Alicia Seegers Martinelli

Sermon: What is home?

Rev. Ken Jones

Closing Hymn

Congregation

Hymn #1064 “Blue Boat Home”

Words: Peter Mayer / Music: Roland Hugh
Prichard, adapted by Peter Mayer
Keyboard arr. Jason Shelton

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Ken Jones

words of Rev. Ken Jones

Postlude

Troy Fisher

Reflection questions:

- What is home to you?
 - What does it mean to be homeless?
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**Next Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 9 am (onsite only) & 10:45 am (online & onsite)
with Rev. Corey Passons**

Share the Plate Offering: Our Share the Plate organization for July and August is GRUB's Growing Home Collective:

Garden-Raised Bounty (GRuB)'s program, Growing Home Collective, centers the reality that Black people's huge contribution of genius, highly skilled, and stolen labor was crucial in creating the United States. Including a reparations-based approach, Growing Home Collective reduces barriers for Black people to access GRuB programs, resources, and leadership opportunities. Led by an advisory group with Black staff & community members, this group co-creates affinity programming by, with and for Black people, to center Black self-determination, creativity and lived experience.

If you write a check, please note "PLEDGE" if it is a pledge payment. All other donations in the basket will benefit the Share the Plate program.

- Checks can be mailed to: 2306 East End St NW, Olympia, WA 98502
- Donate online at: <https://onrealm.org/OUUC/give/offering>
- Donate by text: Text "OUUC offering" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

Hiroya Tsukamoto, a one of a kind composer, guitarist, and singer-songwriter from Kyoto, Japan, is returning to Olympia for **one performance only:** a LIVE concert in the OUUC sanctuary at **7 pm on Sunday, August 17th**. Admission is free, and donations will be gratefully accepted at the door or via a link in the chat. Those who wish to listen remotely can find the Zoom link here: <https://www.ouuc.org/hiroya/>

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update: <https://www.ouuc.org/weekly-update/>