

Dr. Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra



Dr. Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra is grateful to Dr. Jonathan Moyer and Church of the Covenant for the warm welcome and the opportunity to collaborate in today's Psalm Festival (her dissertation was on metrical psalmody). She recently finished recording a CD of her compositions on two Richards & Fowkes organs, including Church of the Covenant's Newberry Organ, which will be released later in 2017.

Ruiter-Feenstra resuscitates historic improvisation pedagogy in her acclaimed publications, *Bach and the Art of Improvisation* (professional-level), *Improvisation Endeavors* (entry-level), and *Muse* (a capella works for children), published by CHI Press. Ruiter-Feenstra performs solo recitals, hymn festivals, and early music concerts throughout North America and Europe. She composes liturgical organ and choral works; conducts choral and chamber music ensembles; leads choral, historic keyboard, and sacred music workshops; and presents and teaches improvisation courses on historical instruments nationally and internationally, including at the Westfield Center for Keyboard Studies, the Smarano (Italy) International Organ and Improvisation Academy, the Göteborg (Sweden) International Organ Academy, and the American Guild of Organists conventions. From 1989-96, Ruiter-Feenstra served as Professor of Music at Bethany College, then Professor of Music, University Organist, and Director of Collegium Musicum at Eastern Michigan University from 1996-2008. During 1996-2002, Ruiter-Feenstra was engaged as Senior Researcher, pedagogue, and performer of historic improvisation at the international Göteborg (Sweden) Organ Art Center (GOArt). Her CDs include: *Tunder Organ Works*, and *Bach, the Liturgical Year, and Improvisation* (www.gothic-catalog.com); and on the harpsichord: *Froberger on the 1658 De Zentis*, and *Bach' Teacher Böhm and Improvisation* (www.fleurdeson.com). Ruiter-Feenstra is a Fleur De Son Classics recording artist and on the roster of Windwerk Artists (www.windwerksartists.com). For more information, see www.pamelaruiterveenstra.com

