

## First Friday Jazz at HOH

**Friday, June 6**  
**Assembly Room | 6 - 8 p.m.**

The House of Hope Community Connection Committee is excited to announce the debut of First Friday Jazz – a new way to bring our congregation and community together!

Join us for an evening of great music and good company! HOH member Terry Bailey and his piano-based trio Jazz Savvy, will set the mood, with live jazz from the Great American Songbook. This isn't a concert; it's a relaxed opportunity to meet, mingle, and enjoy time with fellow HOH congregants and our neighbors. Children are welcome.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available. Donations are appreciated to help us offset expenses. Suggested donation is \$20 per adult.

Sign up to attend: [https://bit.ly/Jazz\\_June6](https://bit.ly/Jazz_June6)  
Donate: [https://bit.ly/Donate\\_FirstFriday](https://bit.ly/Donate_FirstFriday) or text **HOH Jazz** to 73256 to give using your mobile device. You can also make a donation at the event.  
Volunteer at the event: <https://bit.ly/FirstFridayJazz>

We hope you'll be a part of what the Community Connection Committee envisions as the first of many First Friday Jazz nights that will help us build a stronger, more connected community.



## House of Hope to Welcome Renée Fleming

**Save the dates: September 19-21**



House of Hope and House of Hope Foundation, in collaboration with Schubert Club, will welcome Renée Fleming for a 3-day residency in September.

Ms. Fleming will present a recital "Voice of Nature: the Anthropocene" at the Ordway Concert Hall and be featured on House of Hope's Sunday Series, speaking about her book *Music and Mind: Harnessing the Arts for Health and Wellness*. A Gala will also be held with Ms. Fleming in celebration of the launch of the Foundation. More details and ticket information coming soon. Read more about Renée Fleming on page 3.

### Community Connection Committee



We hope to build stronger connections between our congregation and neighbors. We need volunteers to plan and support events and have FUN! Contact the church office if you are interested.



## Summer Celebration!

**Sunday, June 8 | 11:15 a.m.**

Enjoy the unofficial start of summer following worship. We will celebrate the season with hotdogs, hamburgers, sides, and ice cream treats! Red Balloon Bookshop will host a Book Fair, and Sweet Fruci's Frozen Delights will be back with the ice cream truck. There will be lawn games and fellowship! Visit the Community Garden where volunteers will be in the garden to answer questions about the garden that provides organically-grown produce for food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. If there is rain, we will move to the Great Hall.

# WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, June 1, 2025  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Motet Choir:**

*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake,*  
Farrant  
*I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, Nystedt*

Sunday, June 8, 2025  
Pentecost

**Motet Choir:**

*Almighty and Everlasting God*  
Gibbons  
*Kyrie (from Mass in G), Schubert*

Sunday, June 15, 2025  
Trinity Sunday

*Call to Remembrance, Farrant*  
*Give Almes of thy Goods, Tye*

Sunday, June 22, 2025  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Motet Choir:**

*Happy are All They Who Fear the Lord,*  
Neswick  
*A Gaelic Blessing, Rutter*

Sunday, June 29, 2025  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Motet Choir:**

*Lord, I Trust Thee, Handel*  
*Cantate Domino, Pitoni*



## A Note from Scott

*A wonderful new adventure*

I sure didn't expect ninety-degree days in Minnesota in May! The extra layers I packed for these first two weeks in Saint Paul mostly went unused at first. People kept saying, "You know, it's always nice like this," with a wink or sly grin.

But then the cold returned, and I didn't bring winter stuff with me, to which people commented, "You did realize you were coming to Minnesota, right?"

We've had three seasons and a tornado in my short time here, writing this on May 19.

Yes, after many months of transition, I have finally arrived and am off to a grand start.

The first week of May we closed on our new Saint Paul house, and I spent that week getting the house ready and overseeing a parade of workers attending to small projects. I've been figuring out the quirks of the house and making repeated runs to the hardware store, as one does when they have "projects."

Meanwhile, my son Sebastian has remained in Omaha for the end of the school year, with my mom enjoying grandma time and lots of cuddles. They, and our dogs, will make it here in time for Memorial Day. Sebastian's first big, fun church event will be the upcoming retreat at Clearwater Forest.

After a week of house prep, I officially began work as your Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. The staff has been welcoming, with a delicious catered lunch and one-on-one meetings for me to get to know them. Much of my art has been hung on the office walls; my computer is set up; I filled out all the legal and tax forms; and I learned where the secret stash of chocolate is kept.

There was also a stack of documents and notes from Scott Kenefake that required careful reading, and many meetings with Julia Carlson and Michelle Freyholtz to get up-to-speed on various matters. The real work began on the first day, as there is much going on at House of Hope.

And what a wonderful first weekend. The Eco Fair on Saturday, May 17 was a success, despite the chilly temperatures. The cantata Matthew Culloton wrote for the Motet Choir, which was performed on Sunday, May 18 was simply glorious. To sit in the beautiful sanctuary and listen to this sublime music was such a delight, and one that I know will feed my spirit for many years to come. Then the precious Choir School concert followed that!

I've even attended my first Presbytery meeting already, where our Director of Youth and Family Ministry Elsa Kendig was the Moderator—she runs a meeting so well, with efficiency and humor. One item of business was approving our Director of Children and Family Ministry Jimmy Hoke as a candidate for ordained ministry. Jimmy did an excellent job answering questions about his calling and his gifts.

One reason I was excited about the prospect of being your Senior Minister was the chance to work with this excellent team you have on staff. And already in my first week I was able to experience firsthand the gifts of many of them. An auspicious beginning to a wonderful new adventure.

Peace,  
Scott



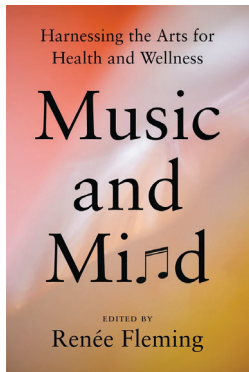


# Renée Fleming

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Renée Fleming is one of the most acclaimed singers of our time, performing on the stages of the world's greatest opera houses and concert halls. Honored with five Grammy® awards and the US National Medal of Arts, she has sung for momentous occasions from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony to the Super Bowl.

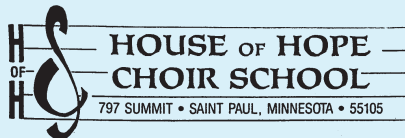
Renée's current concert calendar includes appearances in London, Milan, Paris, and at Carnegie Hall. In November, she starred in the world premiere staging of *The Hours*, a new opera based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel and award-winning film, at the Metropolitan Opera. She won the 2023 Grammy Award for Best Classical Vocal Solo Album for *Voice of Nature: the Anthropocene*.



A leading advocate for research at the intersection of arts and health, Renée launched the first ongoing collaboration between The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the NIH. She is a founding advisor for the Sound Health Network at UCSF.

In her book *Music and Mind: Harnessing the Arts for Health and Wellness* world-renowned soprano and arts/health advocate Renée Fleming curates a collection of essays from leading scientists, artists, creative arts therapists, educators, and healthcare providers about the powerful impacts of music and the arts on health and the human experience.

Learn more at: [www.reneefleming.com](http://www.reneefleming.com)



## Choir School

Thank you for another beautiful Choir School season! What a joy to see and hear our choristers grow in knowledge and confidence throughout this year of singing. Thank you to Timothy Short, our wonderful accompanist. This season we are especially grateful to Jessica Bandelin, celebrating 25 years at the Choir School. Jessica guides our students with care and dedication and shares her great love of singing, making music accessible to all.

– Sofia Ardalan

### Summer Lessons/ Classes:

**Piano and voice lessons** are available through the Choir School. All ages, all levels welcome. Email Sofia Ardalan for more information and to register: [SofiaA@hohchurch.org](mailto:SofiaA@hohchurch.org)



### Adult Group Voice Class

Not ready for that solo yet but just enjoy singing? This class is for you! Over 4 sessions we'll learn the basics of note reading, do some exercises (yes, singers are athletes), and sing some songs together. Email Sofia Ardalan for more information and to register: [SofiaA@hohchurch.org](mailto:SofiaA@hohchurch.org)

### Registration for fall choirs is open now at:

<https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

## Thank You House of Hope Officers

*Join us as we offer appreciation to our Elders, Trustees, and Deacons who have completed their terms and have given of their time and talents.*

### Elders:

Kathe Bolinder, Patrick Boylan\*, Roxie Burleigh, David Cleveland, Bruce Johnson, Herb Lewis, Ava Mayer (Youth Elder), Laura Merriam, Shana Wagner, Sarah Walbert\*, Jill Winter  
\* Extending for 1 year

### Trustees:

Dick Crone, Ann Harrington, Andrew Karre, Joyce Nelson, Paul Schluter

### Deacons:

Emily Brenengen, Elizabeth Karre, Kathi Koehn, Verlene Larson, Dede Lebens, Margaret Miller, Martha Rhode, Jane Schluter, Charley Stewart

## HOH Receives Recycling and Compost Grant



House of Hope applied for and has received a \$10,000 grant to fund new recycling and compost containers for the building!

The order for the new containers is expected to arrive this summer. There will be a variety of styles and sizes of containers to complement more formal rooms and less formal spaces.

As many who compost at home will know, it is common for homes and organizations to find about 2/3 of their trash volume is actually compost. The significance of this at a busy building like HOH is even more impactful and helps us find new ways to live out our values of honoring God's creation.

## The Didier Seminar with Caroline Oakes



"In every age the Spirit speaks" is the motto of The Didier Seminar. This year our "voice of the Spirit" was Caroline Oakes, whose research shows, "there's more to the Gospels than meets the Western Christian eye." We meet an Eastern, meditating Jesus, modeling a rich spiritual tool. One we too can use to connect to the Divine around and within us. "May the mind of Christ be in me" is the goal of her book. In her book *Practice the Pause*, Caroline Oakes describes Jesus' regular pause practice, the long history of the practice in Christian tradition, and how science now shows that this practice can repattern the brain, release us from our instinctive "fight or flight" survival response, and allow the empathetic concern we call love—a way of "seeing" through the spiritual lens Jesus lived and taught.



**Thank you to the 2025 Didier Seminar Committee for their work on this year's seminar!**

*Pictured from left: Phil Bolinder, Gretchen Sjoholm, Caroline Oakes, Susan Price, Ann Lewis, Margie Crone, and Phil Romine at the Didier Seminar. [Didier Committee member not pictured: Chris McHugh]*

## Summer Carillon Recital Series: Docents Needed

The Summer Carillon Recital Series begins on Friday, July 4, and each Sunday in July. All concerts begin at 4 p.m. This is the 31st year for the series and its musical outreach to the neighborhood and the Twin Cities in bringing national players for an outdoor concert. Sign-up to be a Volunteer Docent for these concerts providing hospitality to the listeners, many of whom are visitors. At least two docents are needed for each concert from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. A quick training is available in-person or by email. This is a great small-task opportunity for friends and members of the congregation to become involved in the musical outreach and its long-standing series. Contact HOH Carillonneur Tim Short by June 9 to volunteer at [TimS@hohchurch.org](mailto:TimS@hohchurch.org) or (651) 223-7546.



Members of the Women's Book Group enjoy meeting in the newly refurbished library.



### Summer Carillon Recital Series:

July 4 - Tim Short, House of Hope  
 July 6 - Carson Landry, University of Rochester  
 July 13 - Annie Gao, Los Angeles  
 July 20 - Lisa Lonie, Princeton University  
 July 27 - Geert D'hollander, Bok Tower and Gardens - Lake Wales, Florida



## Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

### Children and Family Ministry

Contact Jimmy Hoke:

[JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

### Sundays at House of Hope:

Nursery available in Room 8  
 8:45 a.m.

### Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

[ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org)

### Grand Old Day Parking Fundraiser

Sunday, June 1 | 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Final Pre-Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, June 8  
 Youth Room | 9:30 a.m.

### MN Aurora Game

Sunday, June 8 | 4 p.m.  
 Tickets are \$20. Families welcome too!

### St. Paul Pride Booth

Saturday - Sunday, June 14-15  
 Dual Citizen Brewing | Noon - 8 p.m.

### Mission Trip Commissioning

Sunday, June 15 | 10 a.m.

### Mission Trip: Wolf Ridge Nature Center

June 16 - 21



# JUNE

## SUNDAY ENRICHMENT

### Restorative Actions with Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam

**Sunday, June 1**

**Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**

We hear the words “repair” and “reparations” a lot; what do they mean? Hear from this group of leaders (including former co-moderators of the PCUSA’s General Assembly and Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam) about their initiative to be a credible witness in the movement for reparations through wealth, surrender, and outreach. Participants in the discussion will include Rev. Gregory Bentley, Milissa Carter, Rev. Molly Casteel, Jim Koon, Rev. Sarah Moore-Nokes, and Elder Elona Street-Stewart.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, June 4

**Rooms A & B**

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Summer is a critical time for blood donations. Register to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give) and enter Sponsor Code: **houseofhope**



### Habitat for Humanity Faith Builders | June 2 - 6

The Summer Faith Builders project is a house rehab in Roseville, so it is a good project for volunteers who prefer to avoid ladders and scaffolding. No experience required. Contact Dave Olsen to volunteer: [dwo823@yahoo.com](mailto:dwo823@yahoo.com)

### HOH Welcoming Class Sunday, June 8

**Library | 11:15 a.m.**

Whether you’re new to House of Hope, or just want to know more about how our community works, join our Welcoming Class. This class provides information about church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at HOH.

We’ll get to know each other, learn about shared congregational values, and connect to opportunities to live out those values through our church life.

### Great Decisions with Duncan McCampbell: American Foreign Policy at the Crossroads

**Tuesday, June 10**

**Kirk Parlour | 3 p.m.**

Endowed with abundant natural resources, separated from conflicts in Europe and Asia by two oceans, and having peaceful relations with its only neighbors—Mexico and Canada—American foreign policy has, since the country’s founding, passed through periods of relative isolationism. Nowadays, many Americans feel that Europe’s challenges are not America’s challenges. Costly and indecisive conflicts that came in the wake of 9/11 have turned many Americans away from foreign entanglements, choosing political leaders that focus on domestic issues. American foreign policy is truly at a crossroads. Old alliances are fraying, while adversaries jostle to fill voids created by American withdrawal from world affairs. What will come from this change? Is the “indispensable America” that dominated world affairs since the end of World War II turning inward and away from the leadership role that many Americans have come to take for granted? Duncan McCampbell, J.D., is an Associate Professor in the College of Management at Metropolitan State University.

### St. Paul Pride: Accomplices in Hope

**Saturday - Sunday, June 14-15  
Dual Citizen Brewery | 12 - 8 p.m.**

HOH is partnering with four St. Paul congregations (Unity Unitarian, Mt. Zion Temple, St. John the Evangelist, and St. Clement’s) to host a booth at Pride representing inclusive faith

communities in St Paul with the theme *Accomplices in Hope*. We will hand out stickers, and celebrate LGBTQIA2S+ faith communities in St. Paul. Volunteer for a two hour shift to participate and greet attendees. Volunteers will get a free t-shirt! Watch for sign up details in the Enews and the bulletin insert.



**The Saint Paul  
Farmers’ Market at  
House of Hope!  
Fridays,  
May 9 - October 24  
Summit Avenue Parking Lot  
1:15 - 5 p.m.**



## Earth Care

### “Bee” Pollinator Friendly

During the past 30-plus years, our nation’s pollinator populations have suffered serious losses due to invasive pests and diseases, exposure to pesticides and other chemicals, loss of habitat, loss of species and genetic diversity, and changing climate. Pollinators, such as bees, ants, flies, beetles, and birds, are critical to our food system and the diversity of life across the planet. To support pollinator health and create a pollinator-friendly environment in your yard:

- Focus on a healthy environment, not a perfect landscape.
  - Choose plants that provide food and habitat for pollinators.
  - Replace lawn areas that are difficult to mow with shrubs and flowers.
  - Adopt practices to improve plant health and eliminate the need for pesticides.
- For more information visit <https://bit.ly/FlowersPollinators>



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## Women's Retreat 2025

House of Hope women enjoyed an enriching weekend retreat at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse in late April. Facilitator Julie Neraas led the group with guided meditations, inspiring poetry, thought provoking questions, and gentle rituals for "Finding Steady Ground in These Turbulent Times."



*Thank you to the Mission Sewing volunteers for the care and love you put in every stitch.*



## Mission Sewing Honors Veteran Todd Erickson

Our Mission Sewing Group took to a sewing task to present one of our members, Todd Erickson, with a quilt made especially for him. It is part of our congregation's care and recognition, as well as part of

a national initiative, to honor those who have served our nation in time of war. Todd now lives in nursing care at the Veterans Administration Care Center, with complications from his exposure to chemicals like Agent Orange, while serving in Vietnam from 1968-1970. Todd, wrapped in the quilt, smiles while his wife Leslie wraps the quilt around his shoulders. The red, white, blue, and yellow quilt says on the corner tab:

"To honor Veteran Todd A. Erickson, U.S. Air Force - Vietnam, April 2025 Mission Sewers, House of Hope"  
*Thank you for your service, Todd Erickson.*

