



David's Dialogue

Dear members and friends of St. Matthew's,

Job 14: ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Over the Easter season, I have been reflecting with you on the five senses and how each of the five senses is a channel through which we can experience Easter. But what if the idea that there are five distinct senses is misleading. What if there are not five but six, seven, maybe even more senses that we have never thought of or maybe are barely aware of?

The animal world has developed senses the likes of which humans only have the faintest idea. For dolphins, whales and bats, for example, their sense of hearing is a kind of eyesight. Echolocation allows them to perceive the size, shape, distance and motion of an object. Some fish take hearing to a whole new level with a line of sensors under their skin all the way along their spine. These sensors are able to perceive sounds under water somewhat similar to the way we perceive through our sense of touch. This sense allows them to feel pressure waves and low frequency vibrations. In effect it allows fish to feel the presence of other fish or objects without actually touching them.

The Bible often describes the Spirit as something tactile, a wind, a fire, or water. But the picture Jesus paints of the Holy Spirit in the above passage is not of something we know with our senses. Rather it is something inward. This is true, too. For me, the Spirit defies description and our powers of perception. It is not one thing. It is not a fire. It is not a wind. It is not water. Or it is not any of these things alone. I believe there are times we feel the Spirit on our skin. There are times we can taste and smell the Spirit. There are times we can see and hear the Spirit. But always these sensations of her come in a way that connects us to a part of our selves that we have not completely understood or acknowledged yet, a part of ourselves that is linked to the

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Did you miss these recent services?

- [May 22: Video recording](#): Sermon: "The Sound of Easter"
- [May.29: Video recording](#): Sermon: "San Quentin"
- [June 05: Video recording](#): Pentecost Sunday. Sermon titled "Sixth Sense of Easter"
- [June 12: Video recording](#): Sermon titled "Holy Trinity, Creation & Challenges"

FUN THINGS TO DO IN RICHMOND HILL

- **CANADA DAY. July 1st.** Go to the Richmond Hill Green for an exciting day full of live entertainment, food and beverage vendors, a beer garden, an artist exhibit, a midway, and one of the largest municipal fireworks displays in the Region. Live music and food during the day with the fireworks at 10 pm.
- **CONCERTS IN THE PARK.** They are back in-person and in the park and still free of charge to attend. Join any Thursday night from July 7th to August 25th. The live music starts at 7 pm and end at 9 pm. Come early and bring a lawn chair. Regardless of who is performing, who could ask for more than simply sitting in the warm summer under a tree while listening to music with friends. [MORE DETAILS](#)
- **RIB FEST. July 22, 23, and 24th.** It's a three (3) day outdoor festival this year. Ribfest features professional rib teams travelling to Richmond Hill from across North America. Ribbers cook and compete for various best titles (as decided by honorary judges). In addition to many delicious food options, enjoy live entertainment and/or play all day in one of the region's largest midways! The ever-popular beer garden will be back once again selling local craft beers. [MORE DETAILS.](#)
- **Live Music in the Plaza!** 7 to 9 pm. Tuesdays features local artists. Wednesdays is open mic night. Schedule [at this link.](#) Location is the plaza at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.
- **MOONLIGHT MOVIES:** These will be held on select Mondays in August and September for an opportunity to watch a blockbuster or local film production from 7 to 10 pm. Locations: Aug. 22 at Richmond Hill Public Library; Aug. 29 at Ozark Park; Sept. 12 at Richvale Community Centre; and Sept. 19 at Silver Stream Park. All free. [Movies to be announced at this link.](#)

July 7	Motown Mania
July 14	Power of Huey
July 21	Ari Hicks and Kennen
July 28	Beach Party Boys
Aug 4	Solitary Man: A Tribute to Neil Diamond
Aug 11	Fleetwood Mac Mania
Aug 18	Jimmy and the Buzz
Aug 25	Liverpool 4: A Tribute to the Beatles

Upcoming Services & Activities:

- June 19. Masks become optional at St. Matthew's United Church.
- June 22, Strawberry Supper from 5pm to 7:30pm. Yes! It is time to enjoy St. Matthew's cooking again. Tickets on sale now from Bill Hurdman for \$20. Dine in or takeout.
- June 25, 1 to 5pm. Indigenous Peoples Celebration. Location: Elgin Barrow Arena, 43 Church St. Richmond Hill, ON. Find them in the greenspace on the east side of the arena. Free parking is available. Activities will include: Big Drum, Vendors, Bingo, Speakers, Live Music, Prizes, Craft Table, Smudge Ceremony, & Traditional Food. Everyone is welcome.
- July 3. Recycling after service. Meet Bertha Mohl at her van with your recyclables after service. Next recycling date will be Sept. 11th.
- Summer services begin at 9:30 am starting July 3rd.
- July 13. Foot Clinic is from 9 am to 1 pm. Contact Vicki White to schedule an appointment.
- Tuesdays: The Craft Group will meet again in mid-September.
- Wednesday Coffee Hours at 10 am using the link previously supplied by Rev. David.
- Thanks for assisting with, and buying from, the Books, Art & Baked Goods sale. We've sold \$400 in goods since the sale ended making our total profit \$2,600.

Thank you

