

**Radio Station: 87.9 FM**

**Prelude:** 2nd mvt from Piano Concerto in D minor by F. Mendelssohn

**Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing:**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

**Call to Worship:** *Based on a UMC Liturgy*

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Leader: Everyday we make choices.

**People: Some are inconsequential.**

Leader: Other choices are life changing.

**People: This morning we choose to be here to worship. May this seemingly inconsequential choice change our life.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *O Word of God*

**Prayer of Confession & Call New Living:** *Based on the words of “Could It Be That God Is Singing?”*

**Gracious God, I confess that I carry a heavy silence; I let old sorrows rule my life. I offer forgiveness to others, but not to myself. I live in fear of so much. Speak those precious words of life into our lives again today, “Do not be afraid.”**

**\*Passing the Peace:** (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)

Leader: Do not be afraid. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

## **Children's Message & Blessing**

### **Prayer for Illumination:**

**Jesus, as you walked on water to meet your disciples, walk into our hearts, calm our fears, and get us to the other side. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### **Sermon Text:** John 6:15-25 (CEB)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon:** "What happened? How'd we get to the other side?"

## **A Prayer of Blessing on the Word**

### **Prayers of the People by the People:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

**\*Offertory & Hymn:** *Be Not Afraid* GATHER #754

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*Postlude:** “Let Us Talents and Gifts Employ”

Note: Next Sunday’s worship service will be at Delmar Reformed Church (386 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054) at 10 AM. You can also watch the service online via their website: [www.drchurch.org](http://www.drchurch.org)

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

**JULY & AUGUST 2024**

**MON 29** PANTRY 9 AM

**WED 31** PANTRY 9 AM  
CENTERING PRAYER 12 PM  
AA MEETING 12 PM

**THU 1** HOT DOGS IN THE  
PARK 11:30AM

**SUN 4** FOCUS WORSHIP  
DELMAR REFORMED 10 AM

⚠ THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT  
FIRST CHURCH. ONLY AT DELMAR.

NOTE: REV. WALSTON WILL BE GOING ON A STUDY-WEEK BEGINNING  
MONDAY, JULY 22, AND THEN WILL BE TAKE TIME AWAY THROUGHOUT  
THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

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# O Word of God

Richard Leach

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TIRPAK

1. O Word of God, O Lamb of God, O Light, O  
2. You are the way, and those who fol - low you are  
3. You are the truth. Though po - wer has a throne there  
4. You are the life, a life you free - ly share, the  
5. You find us in a gar - den near a tomb. Called

5  
Je - sus, ser - vant of the ones you taught, source  
told they trust in what can - not be true. Yet  
comes a day when truth will reign a - lone, and  
vine whose bran - ches know the prun - ers care. A -  
by our name, we turn a - gain to you. We

9  
of the spring that ri - ses - in the heart. Al - le  
hope holds on, and all things shall be new,  
mor - tal po - wers break like clay on stone.  
bun - dant fruit will fol - low blos - soms there.  
can - not hold you, yet - sing al - le lu.

13  
lu - la! Al - le - lu - la!

# Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford SJ



1. You shall cross the bar-ren  
2. If you pass through rag-ing  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Bles - sed are the



des - ert\_ but you shall not die of thirst. You shall  
wa - ters\_ in the sea you shall not drown. If you  
poor, \_\_\_\_\_ for the king-dom shall be theirs.



wan - der far in safe - ty \_\_\_\_\_ though you do not know the  
walk a - mid the burn-ing flames, \_\_\_\_\_ you shall not be  
Blest are you that weep and mourn. For \_\_\_\_\_ one day you shall



way. you shall speak your words in for - eign lands and  
harm-ed. If you stand be - fore the pow'r of hell and  
laugh. And if wick - ed men in - sult and hate you



all will un - der - stand., You shall see the face of God and  
death is at your side, know that I am with you through it  
all be - cause of me. Bles - sed, \_\_\_\_\_ bles - sed are



live. \_\_\_\_\_ Be not \_\_\_\_\_ a-fraid I go be-fore you al-ways.  
all. \_\_\_\_\_  
you! \_\_\_\_\_



Come fol-low me \_\_\_\_\_ and I will give you rest. \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 August

| SUN  | MON   | TUE | WED  | THU   | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|-----|--|---|-----|-----|
|   |   |     |  |  1<br>Hot Dogs<br>11:30am<br><br>Please note:<br>Night of Worship<br>will be the<br>second Thursday<br>(8.8.24) this month.  | 2   | 3   |
|  4<br><br><b>FOCUS Service</b> at<br>Delmar Reformed<br>(No worship service at<br>First Church)   |  5<br>Pantry<br>9am    | 6   |  7<br>Pantry<br>9am<br><br> Centering<br>Prayer 12pm  AA<br>12pm        |  8<br>Hot Dogs<br>11:30am<br><br> <b>DONATE</b><br>Blood<br>Drive 1-3<br><br> Potluck &<br>First<br>Thursday<br>Night of<br>Worship  | 9   | 10  |
|  11<br>Drive-In<br>Worship<br>10am<br><br> Lemonade<br>Lull<br><br> <b>2nd<br/>HOUR</b>  |  12<br>Pantry<br>9am  | 13  |  14<br>Pantry<br>9am<br><br> Centering<br>Prayer 12pm  AA<br>12pm  |  15<br>Hot Dogs<br>11:30am  | 16  | 17  |
|  18<br>Drive-In<br>Worship<br>10am<br><br> Lemonade<br>Lull<br><br> <b>2nd<br/>HOUR</b> |  19<br>Pantry<br>9am | 20  |  21<br>Pantry<br>9am<br><br> Centering<br>Prayer 12pm  AA<br>12pm |  22<br>Hot Dogs<br>11:30am   | 23  | 24  |
|  25<br>Drive-In<br>Worship<br>10am<br><br> Lemonade<br>Lull<br><br> <b>2nd<br/>HOUR</b> |  26<br>Pantry<br>9am | 27  |  28<br>Pantry<br>9am<br><br> Centering<br>Prayer 12pm  AA<br>12pm |  29<br>Hot Dogs<br>11:30am   | 30  | 31  |



**Key:**

