

## Lay Task Directions

### LECTOR Offering the Gift of the Word

#### Purpose:

- To read in a clear voice, portions of the Word so that all present may hear.
- To let the Word be heard in a variety of voices from a variety of faces; Illustrating that the church is not just the pastor speaking God's word, but the whole body... all of us.

#### Who Can Be Lector?

Any individual who can read loudly and clearly is welcome to be a lay reader. Men, women, teens and older children are encouraged to participate in worship as a lector.

#### Before The Service

- The week ahead of your service, the church office will email or send the scriptures you will be reading. Please read the text before worship.
- If you have questions regarding pronunciation, please speak to the pastor before worship begins.

#### The Reading(s)

- Walk up to the lectern (podium) as soon as the congregation begins to sing the Scripture Acclamation. (This is the song right after the Children's Time)
- Adjust the microphone so that you are speaking directly into it. You may need to bend the flexible mic neck, or bend over a bit yourself in order to be close enough to the mic. Otherwise please do not touch the mic.
- **Please do not read at a normal conversational level, but AIM TO BE HEARD. Even with a microphone, it can be very difficult for people to hear in a rustling church. You may use your own natural voice inflections, but please project louder than you think you need to.**

Thank you for your service.