

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.