

SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR LAY READERS

Call to Worship

“I invite you to join me as we call ourselves to worship using the responsive call to worship found printed in your bulletin. Please stand as you are able.”

[Lay reader begins Call to Worship]

Scripture Reading

“Our first scripture reading comes from the Book of _____, and can be found on page _____ of your Pew Bible. Let us listen now for a word from God.”

[Reading]

[At the conclusion of the reading, the elder reader says...]

“This is the word of the Lord.”

“Thanks be to God.”