



Heart Havens Month 2023 Worship Resources

Heart Havens is excited and *Looking Forward* to 2023 - with your help we will open a new Richmond area Heart Havens home further our mission around Virginia! Donations will go toward replacing appliances, purchasing furniture, repairs recommended by the home inspection and health and safety additions such as AEDs. We are also building an addition onto the home to create a 4th bedroom and additional bathroom to better serve our clients.

Heart Havens does not receive apportionments. Heart Havens is a Virginia Conference Advance Special mission and our goal is to empower adults with a developmental disability to live and thrive in their community. By supporting Heart Havens, you help create a community that honors the true value and worth of people with a disability.

You are welcome to use these resources as you plan your observance of Heart Havens Month. If you have any questions, or if you'd like to schedule a virtual speaker to visit your congregation, please fill out [this form](#) and someone from our office will contact you.

BIBLE VERSES:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

How Great Thou Art
It Is well
Lord, I want to be a Christian
Day by Day
Jesus Loves Me
I've Got the Joy (Down in my Heart)



MEDITATION

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with me, I pray, as I move on from the old to the new. The joy, memories, and hardships of the last season of my life are behind me. Help me to leave them there, Lord, and not carry them with me into this new season. Help me to let go of all hurts, anger, and grudges, and see all people as the blessing they are, Your children. Thank You, Lord, for this opportunity to begin this new adventure with You. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

THE BISHOP'S PRAYER FOR HEART HAVENS

Almighty and Gracious God, we pray for a flourishing community where neighbors learn to love each other and come to know Jesus. We pray that we can be good stewards of Your love to each one of our neighbors. We ask that You help us to learn from our community and make it a place where all are welcome.

We pray for the ministry of Heart Havens. We lift up the residents, the staff in the homes, and the staff in Richmond. We pray for all the churches and individuals who faithfully support this ministry in a variety of ways. Together we are stronger as a community and better as individuals, as the Body of Christ in ministry to all of God's Children. Amen.

- Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson