

In Memory of
Richard R. Hiester

Disciple of Christ
and
Member of the Family of St. Paul's UCC

November 16, 1937 to December 5, 2021

*{We share in this memorial rite today to offer prayers
and show our love, support, and care
for this member of our family of St. Paul's United Church of Christ}.*

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

SENTENCES *(Leader)*

God is near to all who call, who call from their hearts. The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled, their cries are heard; they are saved.

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into Christ's death. By our baptism, then, we were buried with Christ and shared Christ's death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of God, so too we might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like Christ's, we shall certainly be united with Christ in a resurrection like Christ's.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Unison)* *{From Paul's letter to the Romans}*

**We believe that there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
and we know that in everything God works for good
with those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING *(Leader)*

O God, our strength and our redeemer, giver of life and conqueror of death, we praise you with humble hearts....

....Keep us all in communion with your faithful people in every time and place, that at last we may rejoice together in the heavenly family where Jesus Christ reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. **Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Leader: Let us offer our silent prayers....

{Silent Prayers}

SENTENCES *(Leader)*

We would not have you be ignorant brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Unison*)

**O God, whose days are without end
and whose mercies cannot be counted,
awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life.**

**By your Holy Spirit,
lead us in faithfulness all our days.**

**When we have served you in our generation,
may we be gathered with those who have gone before,
having the testimony of a good conscience,
in the communion of your holy church,
in the confidence of a certain faith,
in the comfort of a saving hope,
in favor with you, our God,
and at perfect peace with the world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

Leader: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Christ Jesus our risen Savior. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

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In Loving Memory of
Richard R. Hiester
November 16, 1937 -- December 5, 2021

Our brother in faith, Richard R. Hiester, 84, of Robesonia, a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Robesonia, passed away Sunday, December 5, 2021, at Reading Hospital Tower Health.

Richard was the husband of Susan R. (Spangler) Hiester, with whom he celebrated 62 years of marriage on September 26.

Richard, a son of the late Earl E. and Anna I. (Heffner) Hiester, was born in Sinking Spring. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Steven R. Hiester, partner of Melani; a sister, Shirley, wife of Howard Lengel; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, [Capt. Scott R. Hiester](#); a brother Harold Hiester; and a daughter in law, Jody.

Richard was a graduate of Conrad Weiser High School, Class of 1956.

Richard served in the United States Navy.

He was a member of the Pioneer Hose Company, Womelsdorf VFW, Reading – Berks Basketball Association, St. Paul's UCC, and a former member of the Robesonia Jaycees.

Richard retired in 2002 from Car-Tech.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Tower Health for his care.

Services will be held Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 11:00 AM, at Lamm & Witman Funeral Home, 243 West Penn Avenue, Wernersville, with his pastor the Rev. Dr. Benjamin D. Motz officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00am until the time of services at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Scott R. Hiester Memorial Fund, Conrad Weiser Area High School, 44 Big Spring Road, Robesonia, PA 19551 or to St. Paul's UCC Church Memorial Fund, 301 West Penn Avenue, Robesonia, PA 19551.

[Online condolences](#) may be made at www.lammandwitman.com.

Dates & Times:

Visitation: Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 10:00am-11:00am
at Lamm & Witman Funeral Home, Robesonia

Funeral Service: Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 11:00am
at Lamm & Witman Funeral Home, Robesonia

Prayers of Remembrance: Sunday, December 12, 2021 during the 10:15am Worship Service,
at St. Paul's UCC, Robesonia