

Chapel



The meditation room





Beside
still
waters

There are times in the lives of all of us when we seek a quiet place. It may be a time when we are weary and troubled of spirit...when we need to compose ourselves and regain our strength. It may be a time when our hearts are overflowing with thanksgiving and we feel the need to draw apart and give thanks.

Such a place is the Meditation Room of the University Hospitals. In this hall of quiet beauty people of all faiths may come to commune, to give thanks and to renew their spirits.

The building has been so designed that through the means of quiet, the suggestion of religious symbols and the beauty of color and form, those who come may leave refreshed and renewed.

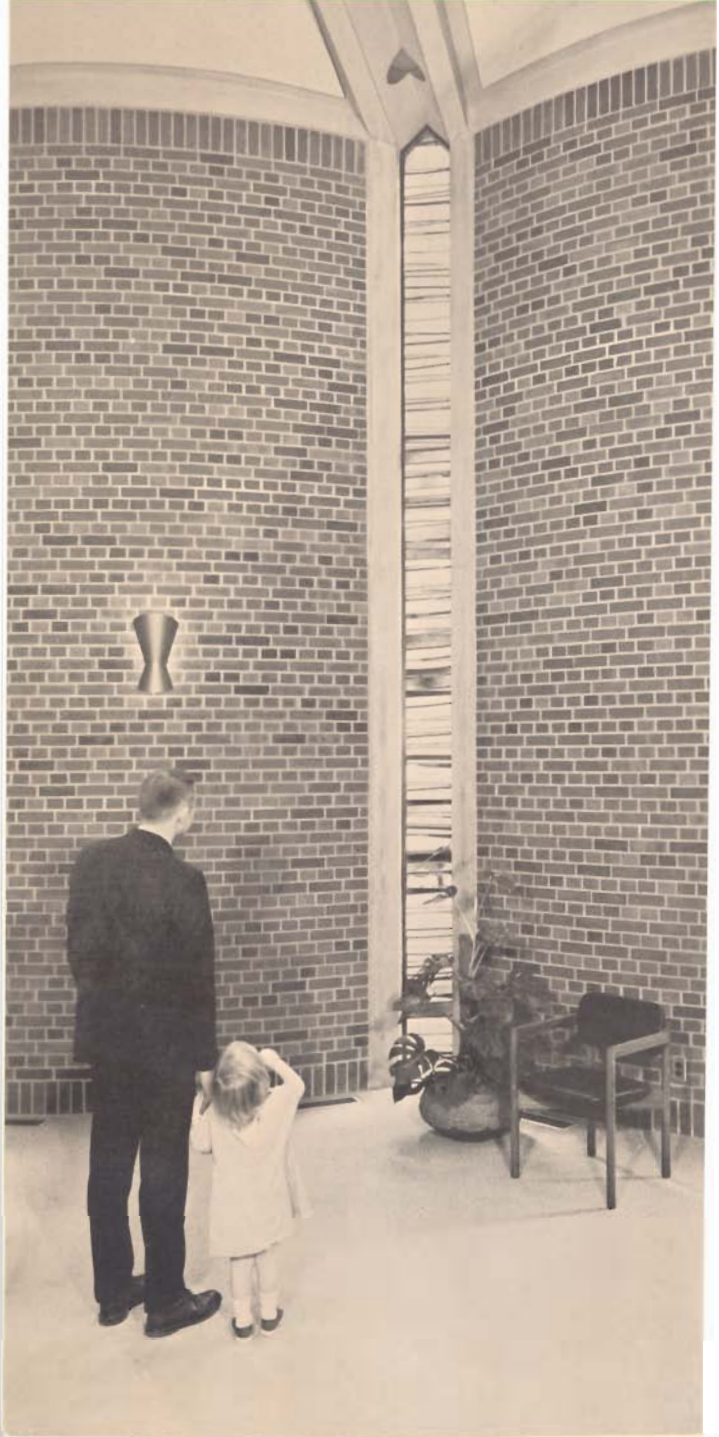


*“sustained and soothed
by an unfaltering trust...”*

The Meditation Room is located in a courtyard of the University Hospitals, just off the main lobby. The building has ten sides, according to the traditional requirements of the tabernacles of old. The base is made up of graceful arches which suggest the Gothic tradition, with all the rich spiritual emphasis associated with that era.

At the top of the building is a piece of sculpture in metal and glass. This is symbolic of the burning bush of the Old Testament. It is suggestive of a time of trial... a crucial period in one's life. ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕





The Meditation Room is reached through a long corridor, thus separating it from the rest of the hospital and assuring quiet. As we approach, we see large, hand-carved handles on the doors, with a floral design of ancient religious symbols. As we enter the room, we see tall stained-glass windows. These lead the eyes upward to a ceiling of stained-glass seen through a framework of beams. At the base of the windows are soft, earth colors. As the eyes travel upward the colors change to warm, vibrant hues and at the top are quiet, peaceful cool colors. To some people this may suggest the peace of mind which may come when we lift up our eyes...to others it may suggest the greater understanding which often comes after a period of trial. ●



“through adversity to the stars...”



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