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THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL  
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**GREETING**

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**READING OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
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Anahita Sidhwa, *Zoroastrian Association of North Texas*

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Kyle Ogden

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Rev. Rachel Baughman, *Senior Pastor, Oak Lawn United Methodist Church*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Cazares-Thomas

*Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ*

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**ABOUT HIGHLIGHT THE GOOD**

*This year's luncheon theme, Highlight the Good, recognizes the positive resulting from the diversity, inclusion and equity that we seek. There are many positive forces at work in the North Texas business, philanthropic and faith communities that are worth celebrating. Our program "highlights" just a few of these initiatives, as well as some of the leaders that are working to make Dallas a better place for all of us to live, work and play.*

PHILIP JOHNSON'S SPEECH - FEBRUARY 3, 1975

Cities are known by their symbols, but they are also known by their central Squares - by their central sense of containment where you feel now I'm here.

Gertrude Stein said that "when it doesn't happen, there is no there, there." Thanks-Giving Square will make a here, here anyhow. It is no accident that we know Paris for its great Squares, San Marco in Venice, the Parthenon in Athens, but American cities somehow too often left out the symbolic content. In New York, we do have the Statue of Liberty and we do have Central Park.

In Dallas, we're going to have a combination of a symbol and contained place. And I only wish that there was some way in models and drawings that I could explain to you what that feeling is going to be like because I see it so very vividly. Peter and I walk up and down those paths almost daily.

As you enter from the west you gradually, gradually go down a hill without knowing it. You gradually see the streets disappear as the wall of green around you rises as you go down. Then the noise of water gets to be louder than the noise of traffic beyond the walls and although you are in the heart of the city and see the tall buildings you get a sense of peace there that can only be found with water and leaves and people. Wandering around that central Square, you see the Chapel, but you can't, in a sense, get there. You have to go the other way and go up some steps up and over this long bridge to approach even the front door.

It's very important for a symbol to be hard to get to. The Statue of Liberty is very hard to get to. The Parthenon, as you know if you've been there, you cannot get to by car. You have to get up and use your feet and your locomotive apparatus to get to see that masterpiece.

So you are with this Chapel. You will be calmed down mentally and spiritually by the time you even get to the front door. You can't just drive up and go in and meditate for a few minutes. We are going to slow down the tempo of the Texans.

What I feel is that you have given us the opportunity here in Dallas to create something that as far as I know no American city has and no architect, I believe, has ever done.

The spiral, of course, an eternally ancient symbol. You find it in the 9th century in Samara in Central Asia, but that's about all. But it is such a universal symbol that it will belong. It will be known to express Thanksgiving to all of us.

Philip Johnson

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