

# WESTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project illustrates how there are no throw-away spaces. It honors the city and it honors the (Wilshire) Boulevard by creating a quasi-public pocket park out of what was destined to be people-less driveway.

The simple program, a bathroom addition with planters, was opportunistically leveraged into architecture as building/landscape/urban furniture to create a new archetype - the quasi-public pocket park.

## BACKGROUND:

The project came about when the Church leased its huge parking lot to a senior housing developer for 55 years. The space between the new housing and the Church was going to be filled with a large driveway lined with planters, which also presented a significant accessibility (wheelchair access) problem. The critical urban contribution—and new (Wilshire) Boulevard archetype—is transforming the ubiquitous driveway into a bona fide pocket park.

Every inch of marginal space was consolidated and orchestrated to create grand processional spaces, and new, found gardens. The new stairs, ramps, benches, and gardens, provide efficient, accessible circulation and the space around the Church, creating a series of discrete places to walk, sit gather, and contemplate.

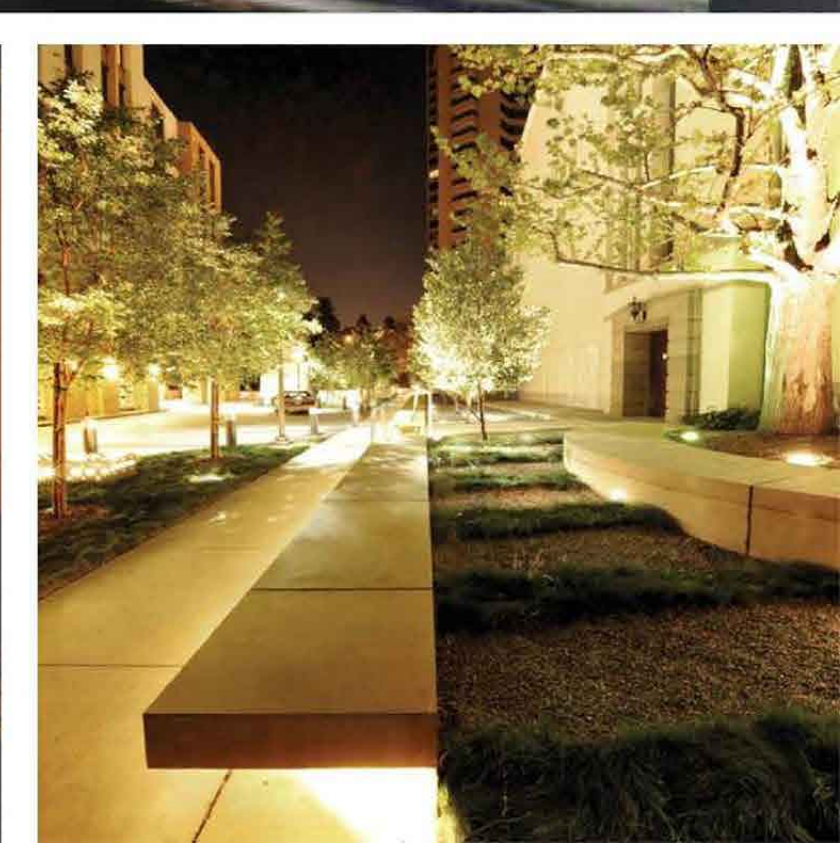
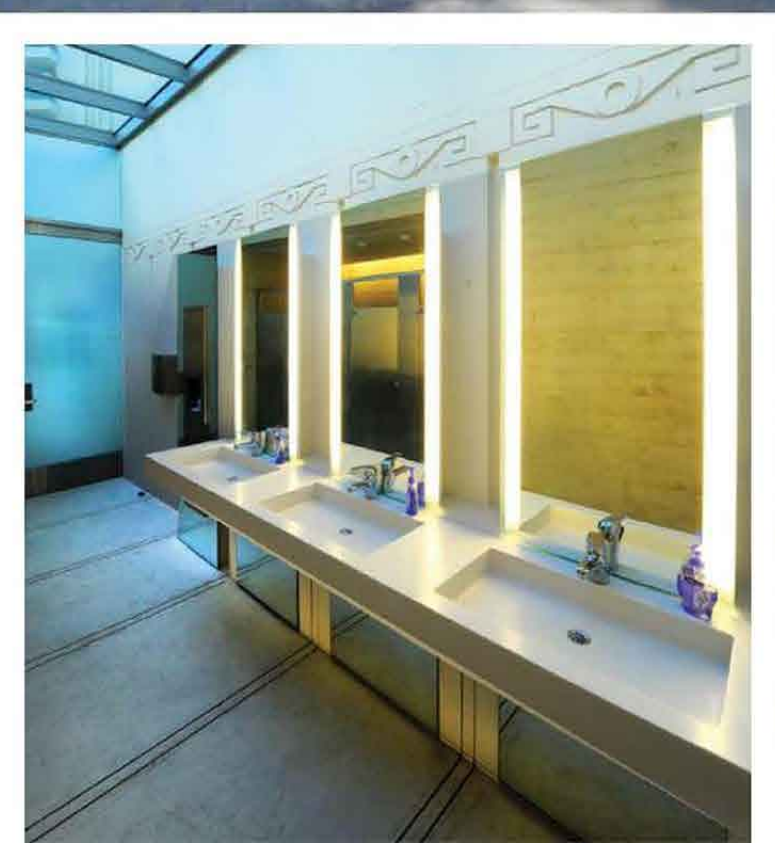
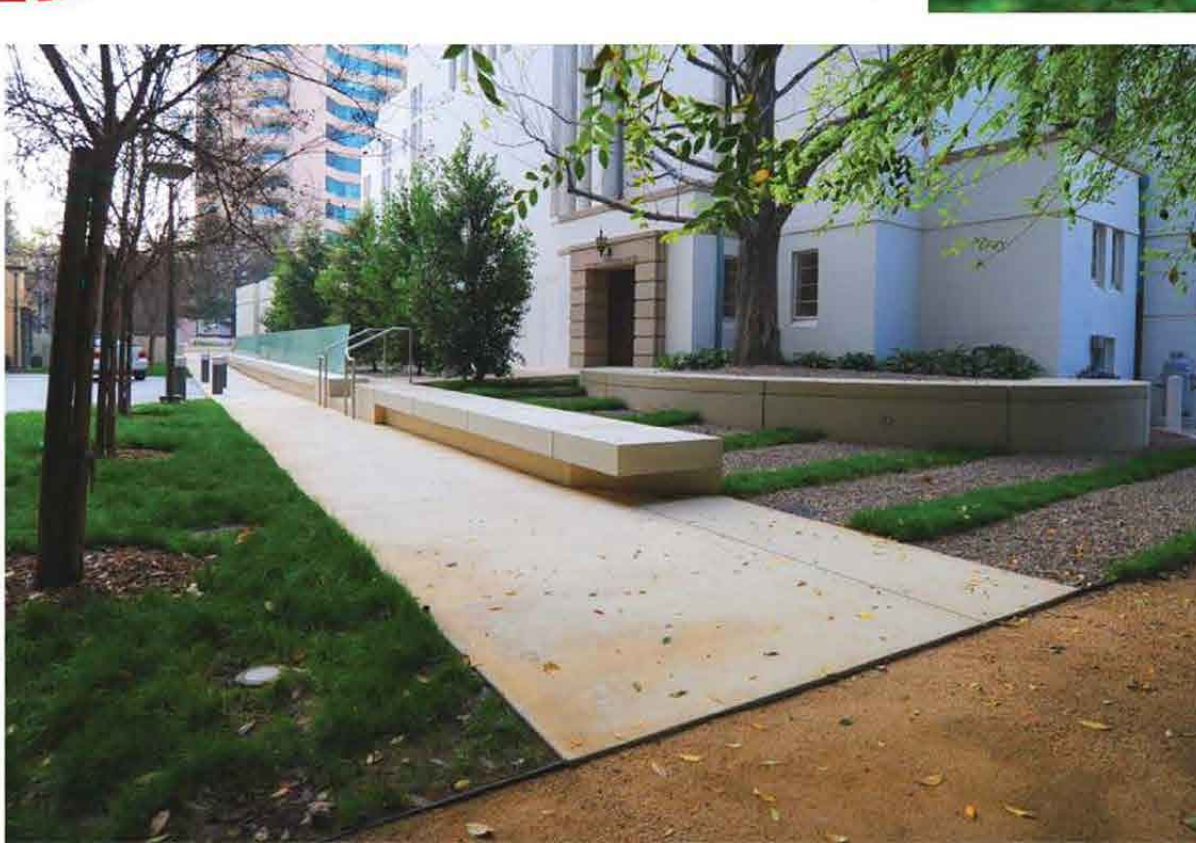
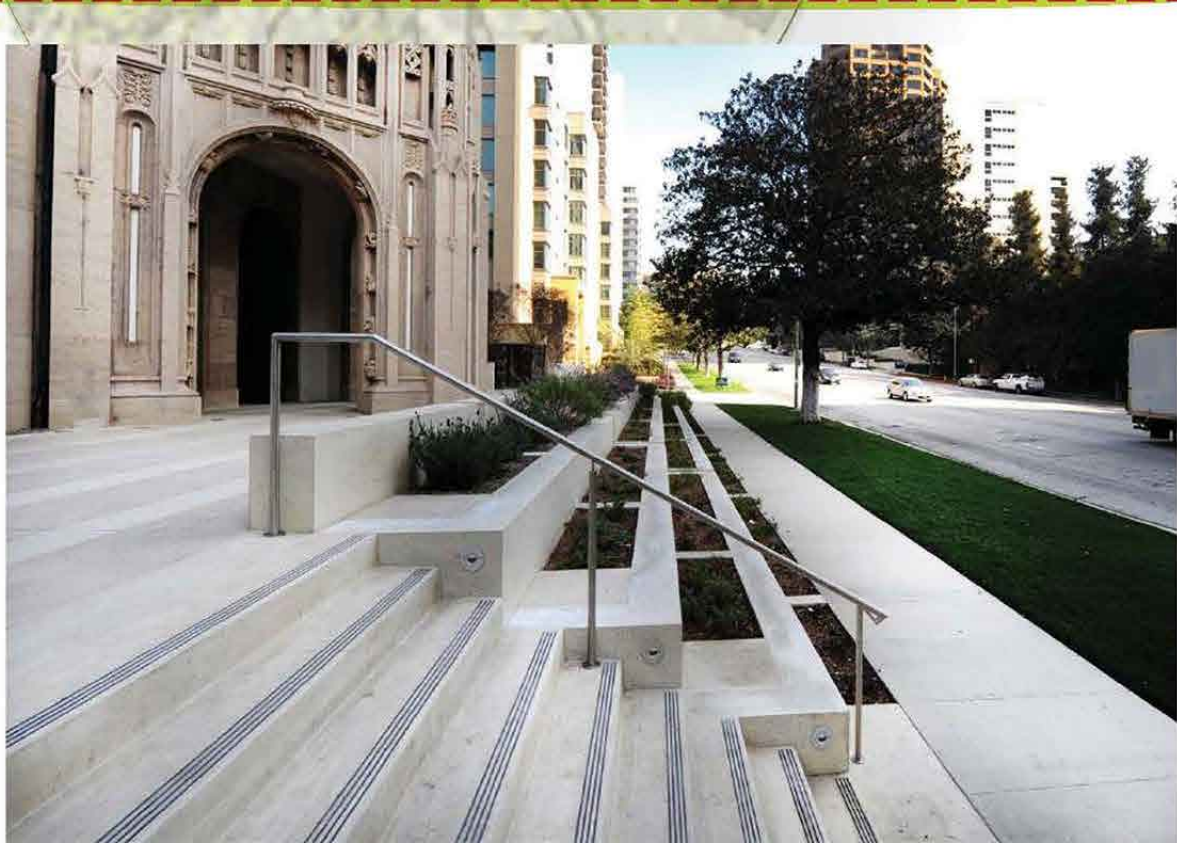
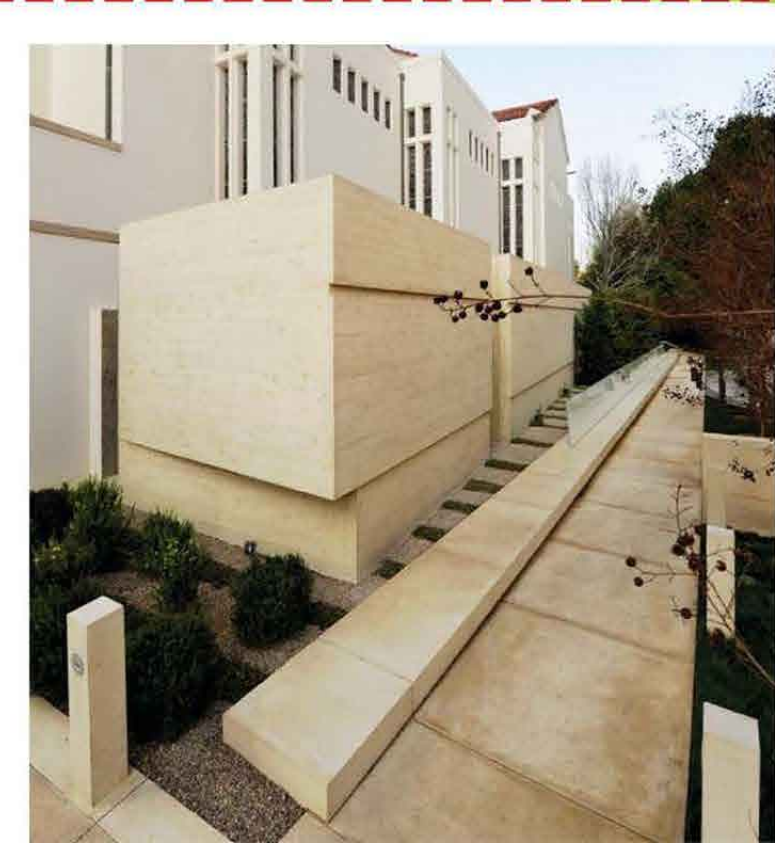
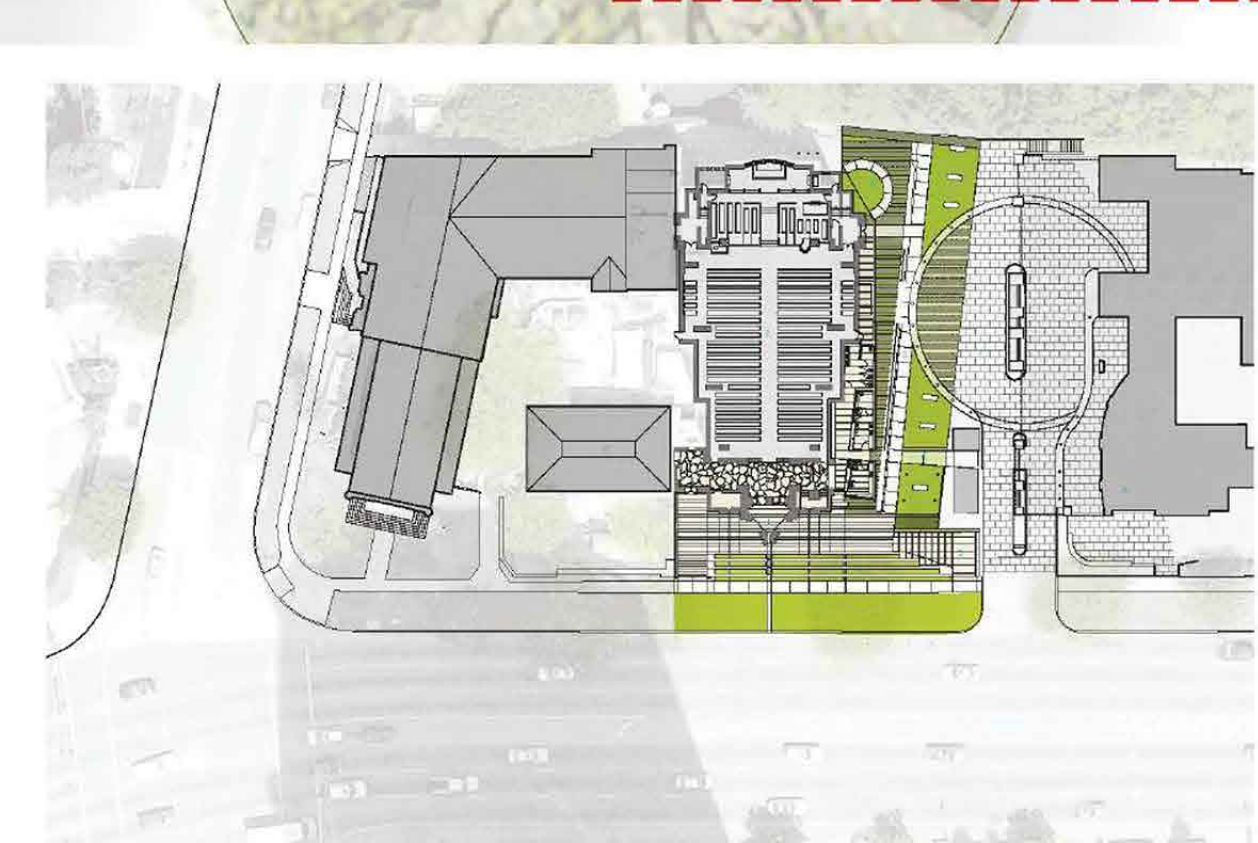
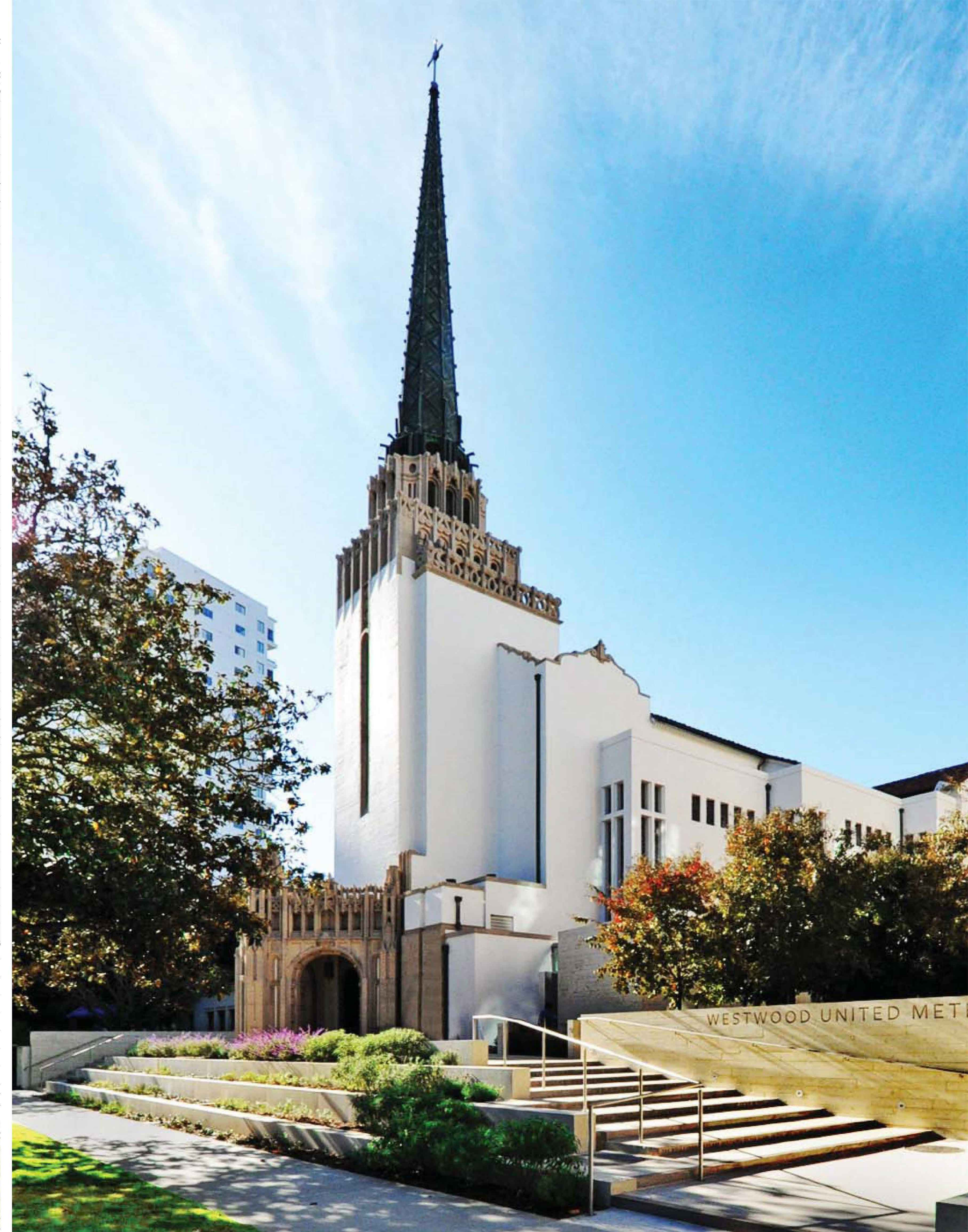
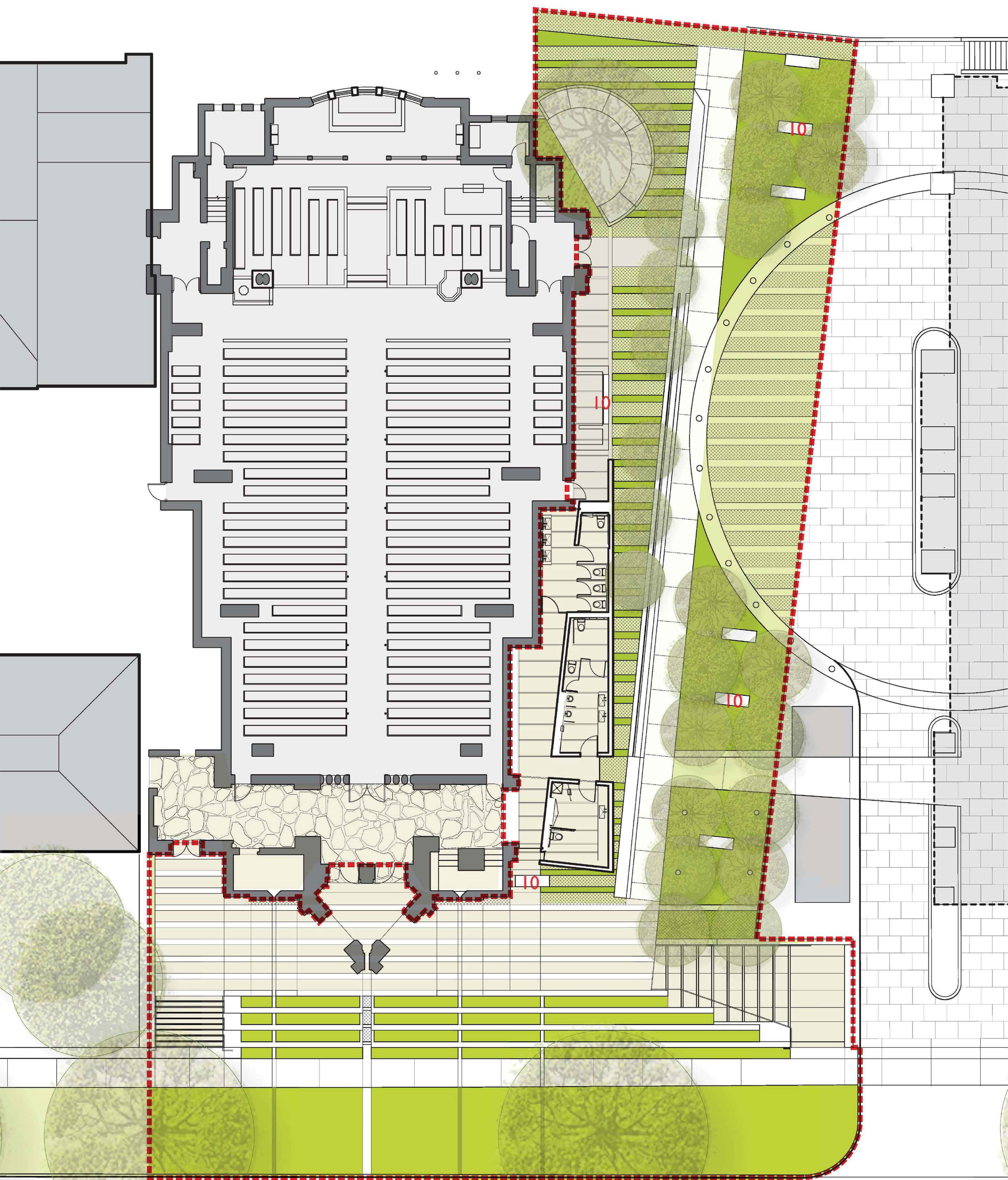
In addition to providing a striking new setting for the Church, the austere beauty of concrete poured-in-place architecture and seamlessly integrated landscape provide a wonderful amenity for the parishioners and inhabitants of the senior housing complex.

AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU BUT  
TO DO JUSTICE, TO LOVE KINDNESS, AND TO  
WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD  
THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT"  
PSALM 118  
THE BOULEVARD STEPS ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND GIVEN BY BILL AND PEGGY BLOOMFIELD AND FAMILY

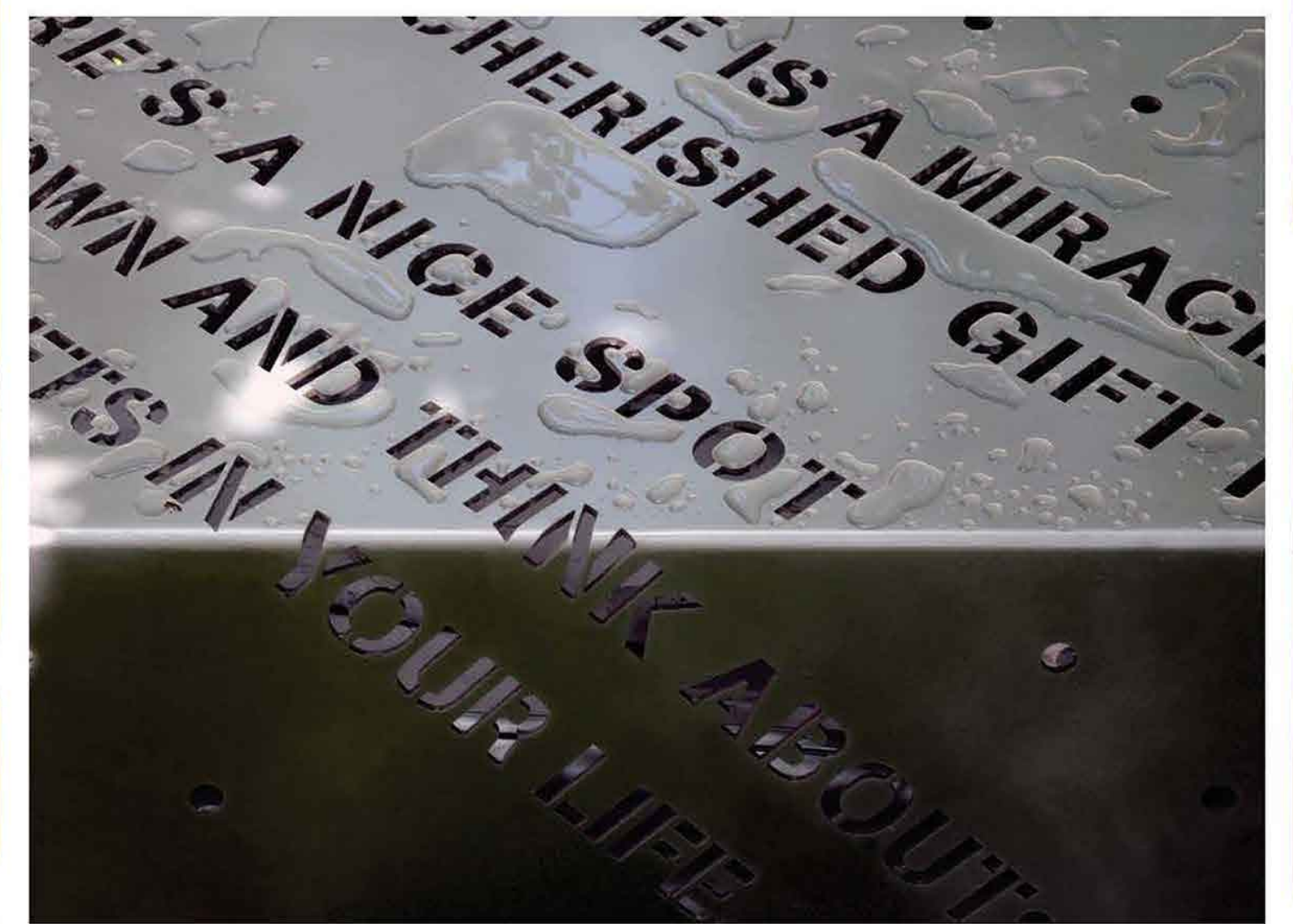
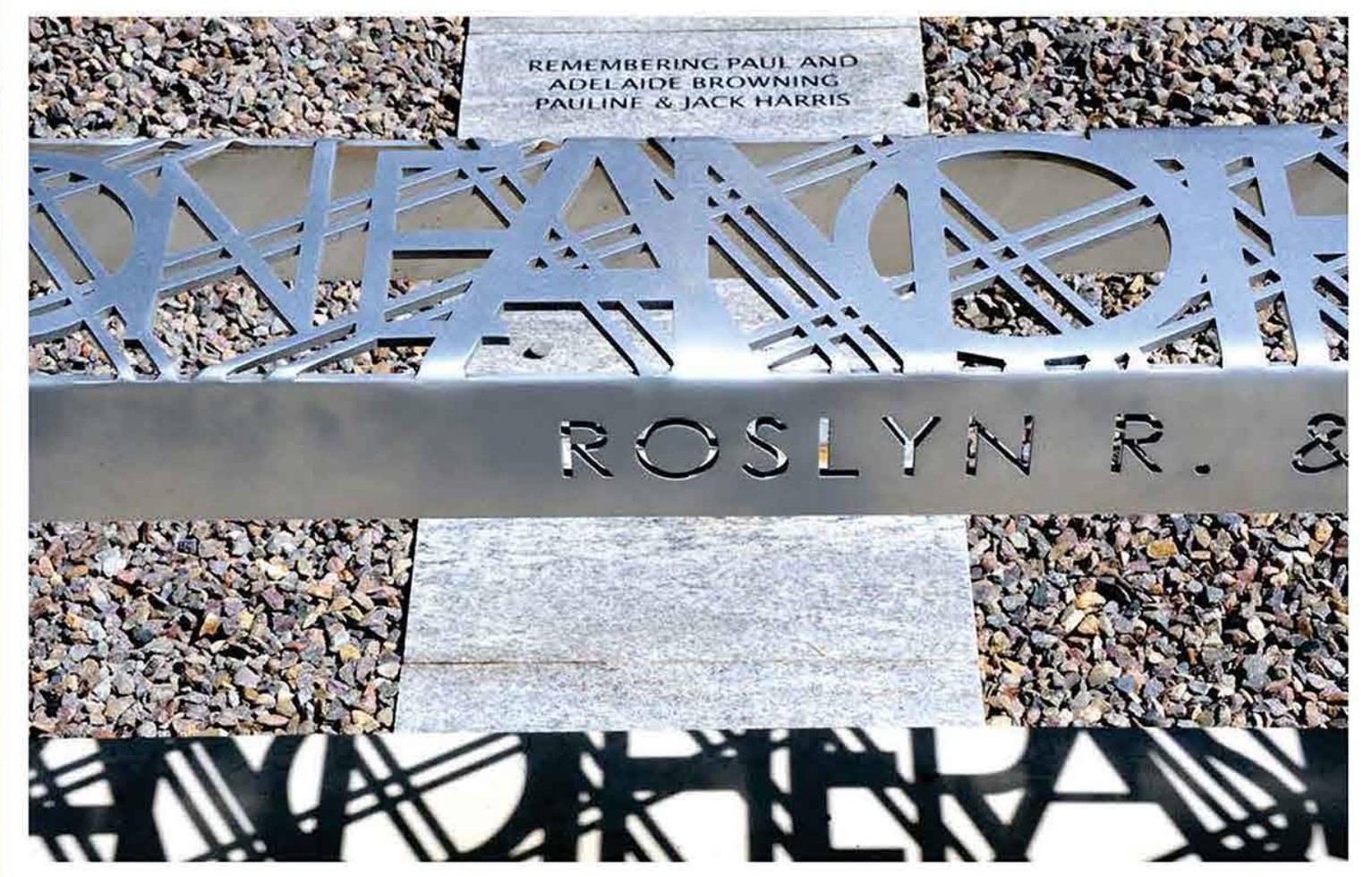
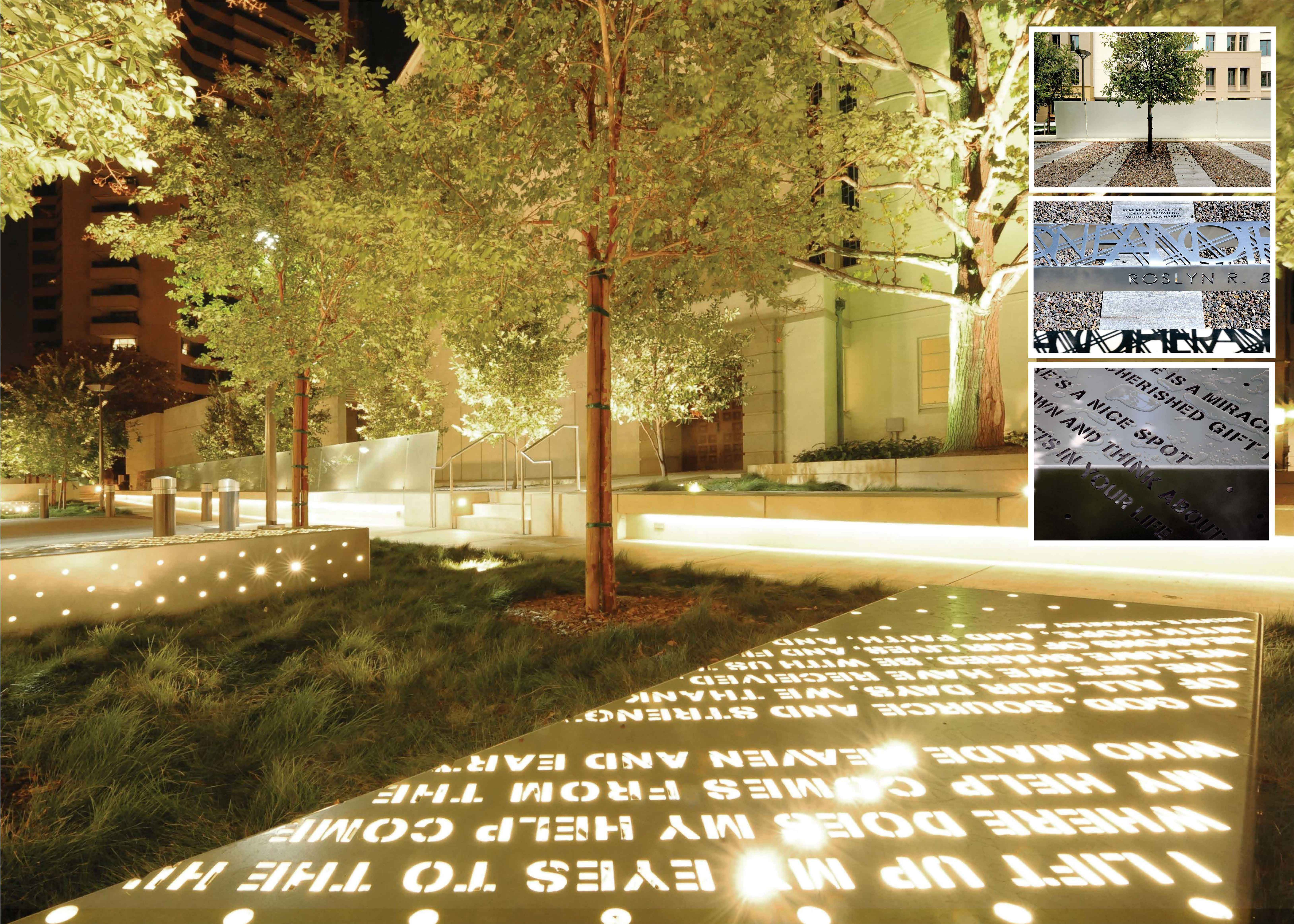
WESTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH











LET UP MY EYES TO THE HEAVENS  
WHERE DOES MY HELP COME  
MY HELP COMES FROM THE  
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH  
O GOD, SOURCE AND STRENGTH  
OF ALL OUR DAYS, WE THANK  
THE LIFE WE HAVE RECEIVED  
WE HAVE GAINED, BE WITH US  
WE HAVE OF GARDENERS, AND FR  
FROM HOME, AND FAITH, AND FI  
LET'S IN YOUR LIFE  
THERE'S A NICE SPOT  
MY HELP COMES FROM THE  
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH  
O GOD, SOURCE AND STRENGTH  
OF ALL OUR DAYS, WE THANK  
THE LIFE WE HAVE RECEIVED  
WE HAVE GAINED, BE WITH US  
WE HAVE OF GARDENERS, AND FR  
FROM HOME, AND FAITH, AND FI