The Interfaith Chapel of Peace at Blackwell Forest Preserve rises over a plateau at the base of Mt. Hoy. Inspired by the dynamic landscape surrounding it, the topographic elements of the design are meant to evoke a spiritual response to the journey up to and through the Chapel. The Journey culminates with a framed peaceful view of nearby Silver Lake.

The Chapel has a Glulam skeleton enveloped by structural insulated panels and heavy cedar ship-lap siding. The construction materials complement the surrounding prairie and woods and acknowledge the existing forest preserve structures. Solar panels reduce the chapel's carbon footprint.

The site of the chapel consists of a series of plateaus on which the parking lot and building rest in ascending order. The connecting path follows the terrain up to the front patio with the dominating Mt. Hoy rising above to serve as the guidepost.

The walls that become the roof as you enter through the main circulation space of the Chapel also serve as the stairs that take you to the 2nd floor outdoor chapel.