

Visual art piece 3: Creativity

This piece showcases the great creativity of the Gond tribe. Depicted in this painting are the tribal drum players, the dancer, and the traditional Gond storyteller who is also a musician. He is playing the one-stringed tribal instrument called the bana under the tree. The Gonds' skills in weaving, basketry, pottery, and mural paintings are also portrayed. We find our creative identity in God. The Holy Spirit is the source of all creative inspiration and artistic crafts. He is the creative process, the channel through which God's creative energy or power is manifested. The same dove symbol in art piece 1 "Creator" reappears in this painting.

Biblical references:

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

Ephesians 5 18-20

Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Exodus 35:30-35

Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the Lord has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills - to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.