

The Mosaic Mural In Central Methodist Church

TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

This mural is a composition of Christian symbols grouped in such a way as to represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It tells of the continuing revelation of God.

Those symbols on the left of the mural depict the Hand of God coming out of chaos to create the Universe. Below this are His further creations of the earth with its land and sea and life thereon.

Those in the center portion depict the Son in the symbolic figure of Christ with the star over Bethlehem representing His birth on the left and Calvary representing His crucifixion on the right. Between God and His Son are symbols representing Man's search for God before Christ brought us His revelation — the tablets containing the Ten Commandments given to Moses, and the sacrifices to God on altars of fire by the Hebrews.

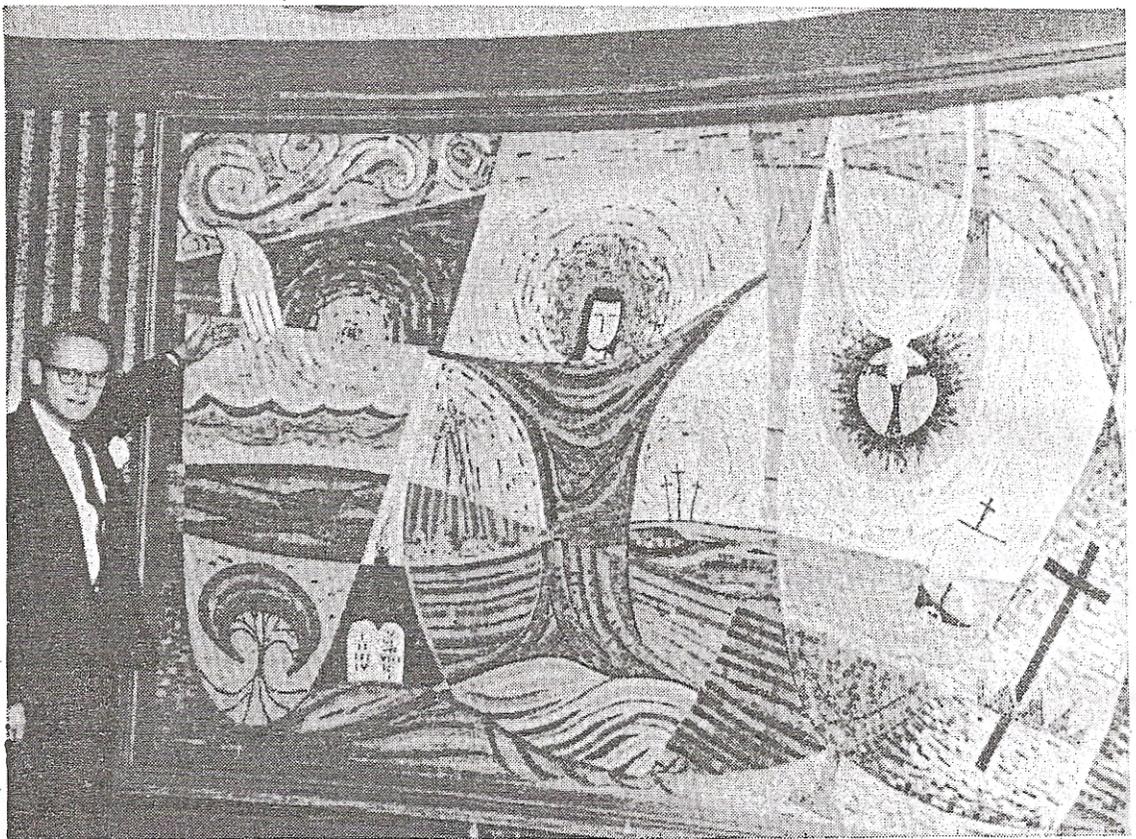
The group of symbols on the right depict the Holy Spirit. The descending dove in a ball of flame symbolizes the gift of the Holy Spirit from God to Man. The ship is the historic symbol of the Church. The Silver Chalice contains the symbols of the sacraments, the grapes and the wheat, The Cross and the Crown speak of the final victory in eternal life of Christ's sacrificial spirit.

This mural was designed principally by Kenneth J. Krantz in the offices of Harford Field & Associates, Architects, with the helpful guidance of the Minister, Rev. Donn P. Doten. The mosaic was executed by Mr. Krantz in its entirety with glass tile imported from Italy. It was designed to be used as a teaching instrument with the hope that it will enable those who study it to better understand the nature of the Trinity.

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EXPLAINS MURAL—Rev. Donn Doten, delivering his first sermon following the completion of the work of art, told the story which the mural contains. Here he speaks of the chaos which immediately followed the creation of the universe. This is the completed mosaic. (Record-Eagle Photo)

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