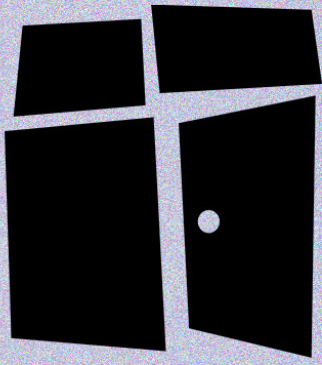




WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

September 20, 2026



HELPING HANDS CREW —JOIN THE TEAM!

We're forming a Helping Hands Crew to support our Benevolence Ministry when practical hands-on needs arise. Instead of just meeting a financial need, sometimes the best way we can help is by rolling up our sleeves and doing the work together.

We'll send out calls for help as needs arise, so you can jump in when and where your skills and availability fit. **Join our crew if you could help in one of the following:**

Moving or cleaning projects • Mowing lawns or doing yard work • Home repairs and general work
Plumbing and electrical work • Helping us find or purchase reliable used cars • Vehicle repairs and assistance • And whatever other hands-on needs God puts in front of us

Join the crew! Text 'HANDS' to 440.323.4644 to sign-up to be on the Helping Hands Crew.

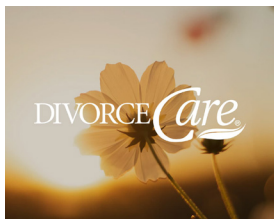
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..." 1 Peter 4:10

PIGTOBERFEST • OCTOBER 11, 4PM • ELYRIA CAMPUS

Open Door's version of an all-church picnic!

Spend time with the church friends you see regularly, those from other campuses that you interact with occasionally, and it's a perfect time to make new friends! There is always a lot of fun for all ages!

- ★ **Grab a pre-marked dish tray** to fill from the table after service, and bring it the day of to share.
- ★ **Contest Sign-ups:** Pie Baking Contest, and Chicago-style Softball Game. To learn more and register for a contest, go to opendoor.tv/pig



DivorceCare
Sundays | 6:30pm
(Starts 9/20)



GriefShare
Mondays | 6:30pm
(Starts 9/21)

SUPPORT GROUPS (AT THE OPEN DOOR CENTER)

You don't have to go through hurt alone. Talking with other people who understand what you're experiencing brings great comfort and offers supportive environment.

These support groups are a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief and pain of both divorce and loss.

For more info visit:
TheOpenDoorCenter.com and click 'Support'



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THE MIND OF CHRIST



SERMON NOTES | SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

From the Crown to the Cross: Christ's Humility on Display

PHILIPPIANS 2:5–8

1. Christ's _____ (Phil 2:5-6).

Christ refused to _____ His divine rights for His own _____ . (vv. 5–6)

- Whatever influence, experience, gifts, or resources God has entrusted to us should serve another person's good.

2. Christ's _____ (Phil 2:7).

Christ willingly _____ Himself to _____ others. (v. 7)

- He emptied Himself by taking, not by losing. He did not lose His deity; He took to Himself our humanity.

3. Christ's _____ (Phil 2:8).

Christ _____ the Father—even when obedience _____ Him His life. (v. 8)

- His example shows us the path of obedience. His saving obedience secures the life we could never earn.

THE BIG IDEA

Having the _____ of Christ means humbly _____ God and selflessly _____ others—even when it costs us.