

E.F.C.C.A. English Youth

Sunday 23 February 2025, 9.30 A.M.

Scriptures

With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. (Ephesians 4.17–18)

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (Ezekiel 36.26–27)

For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes — so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them. (Matthew 13.15)

Order of Service

Psalm 105.42–45

Worship

Apostle's Creed

Scriptures: Ephesians 4.17–18; Ezekiel 36.26–27;

Matthew 13.15

Sermon: A Heart of Stone

Response Song

Offering

Doxology and Benediction



Roster	Today	2 March
Welcomer	Jerry	Cathy
Psalm	Cici (105.42–45)	Gabriel (106.1–3)
Worship Leader	Cici	Gabriel
Worship Team	Jeremy	Jieqi
Musician	Sarah	Noah
Scripture	Jieqi	Vuitton
Speaker	Michael Dong	Pastor Cindy
Offering Prayer	Nathan	Noah
Screen and Sound	Emily Yang	Emily Yang

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Tithe; TG (Thanksgiving); Mission; CB (Church Building)

Sermon Outline:

- **The Danger of a Hardened Heart:** Small, daily choices can gradually harden our hearts, leading to spiritual blindness and distance from God (Ephesians 4.17–18).
- **The Promise of a New Heart:** God offers a transformed heart, one of flesh instead of stone, through humility and surrender (Ezekiel 36.26–27).
- **A Heart That Pleases God:** Gratitude softens the heart, helping us focus on eternal values instead of worldly distractions (Matthew 13.15).

Questions to think about:

1. What are some small daily choices that might harden our hearts without us realising it?
2. What does it mean to have a ‘heart of flesh’ instead of a ‘heart of stone’? How can we tell if our heart is becoming hardened?
3. How can gratitude help soften our hearts toward God and others?

Notices

1. This Friday’s Alpha course is about why you should want a relationship with God. The icebreaker will be led by Emily Zhang.
2. University fellowship will follow this service at 12 p.m. Wilson will lead the Bible-based icebreaker session.
3. Band practice will follow next Sunday’s service, led by Frances. Emily Zhang has chosen The Blessing as the song to practice.

Sermon Notes:

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