

1939-1940 Sermons¹

- September 10 The Days to Come
 [references to Marie Curie]
- September 17 A Common Faith
 [reference to 2 Kings 23:1-3; Matthew 4:1-10; to finding “Deut” in the
 temple in 621 BCE; to Ruskin;]
- September 24 Thine Own Gods
 [Professor ??? book]
- October 8 Positive View
 [Soul of Bible 276]
- October 15 The Roots of Christianity: The Evolving Features of Christianity
 [references to Hosea 14; Mark 4:26-29]
- October 17-20 Senexet Retreat: Organized by E.C. Davis and C.E. Park. Davis’ notes for a
 chapel talk on the nature of God. Notes for a talk on the Bible.
- October 22 The Idea of Christ: Enduring Features of Christianity
 [reference to Egon Friedell’s 1930 *Cultural History of the Modern Age*,
 and a quotation from Friedrich Neitzsche’s 1890, *The Antichrist*]
- October 29 Human Relations in a Christian Nation
 [Matthew 20:20-28; Readers Digest]
- November 5 Middlesex School: The Great Tradition: Hence it has Endured
 [Matthew 23:30-41; Matthew 20:20-28; Emerson, poems; Luke 9:28-36;
 Thoreau’s Diary for May 12, 1857]
- November 12 Feet of Clay + Never of Iron: Searching for the Great Tradition
 [a repeat of a June 1918 sermon, “The Great Tradition Becomes the Great
 Faith,” full text available at [https://wordpress.clarku.edu/dbaird/the-
 great-tradition-becomes-the-great-faith-1918/.](https://wordpress.clarku.edu/dbaird/the-great-tradition-becomes-the-great-faith-1918/)]
- November 15 Groton, Mass: The Great Tradition: Hence it has Endured

¹ Davis collected the notes for his sermons in 1939 and 1940 in a small booklet. The edited transcription of this booklet is available. Here I list the sermons by date and subject.

- November 19 On Being Neutral: Just Living
 [reference to G.A. Borgese's article, "Six Kings" in the Atlantic Monthly for
 September, 1939; reference to Gerald Heard's *These Hurrying Years: An
 Historical Outline, 1900-1933*]
- November 26 Union Thanksgiving Service, North Church: Force and Values
 [Isaiah 41; Luke 18:9-14; Mayflower Compact]
- December 3 Disposing of Trouble Makers
 [Micah 6:6-8; Acts 19:23-41]
- December 3 Barre YPRU: "Truth, Service and Worship"
 [Reference to Ibsen's "The Master Builder"]
- December 10 Overcome Evil with Good
 [Romans 12]
- December 17 In the Face of Difficulties: Good News
 [Mark 1: 1-15; Christening of children born during year]
- December 24 Always the Fullness of Time
 [Christmas Service: Matthew 1:1-11; poem, Window in Nazareth]
- December 31 Something Old, Something New
 [Proverbs 28:12-28; Revelation 21:1-4]
- January 7, 1940 Something About Communism
 [Acts 2:43-47; Acts 4:32-5:11]
- January 14 Dividing Lines
 [Acts 7; Pliny; Emerson; also mention of Stephen Foster (1826-1864) and
 John Huss (1369-1415)]
- January 21 Charles E. Park, preacher
- January 28 The Layman and Democracy
 [Matthew 7:7-16; Emerson]
- February 4 All in the Same Boat (Young People's Religious Union)
 [1 Samuel 10]
- February 11 Arrested for Living
 [Matthew 25:31-46]

- February 18 The Great Tradition, Loomis School
 [Luke 9:28-36; Great Companions, 437]
- March 24 Horizons, Near and Far, Easter Service
- March 31 A Principle of Protestantism
 [Zechariah 4:1-10; reference to John Fiske]
- April 7 The Foundation of Belief
 [Acts 17]
- April 14 Trust in God and Keep Your Powder Dry
 [Revelation 21]
- April 21 What We Believe About Ourselves
 [Philippians 3:13-16; 4:8-9; Channing's Works, p. 36]
- April 28 A Belief in an Essential Christ: In the Fulness of Time
 [Isaiah 35; Soul of Man, Stanza 4]
- May 5 Who is Messiah?
 [Matthew 11:1-6]
- May 12 What We May Believe: Mutual Aid a Factor in Evolution
 [Matthew 11:1-6]
- May 19 What We May Believe: Some Enduring Values: God
 [Matthew 7; Poem: Thy Kingdom Come (likely by John Bowring (1792-1872))]
- May 26 Union Service in the Unitarian Church
 Sermon by Reverend James T. Carter
- June 2 That God May Exist: The Great Hunger
 [Psalm 84; Matthew 26:36-50]
- June 9 Simeon
 [Luke 2: 25-35]
- June 16 Union Service in the North Church: Graduation Sunday
 E.C.D. Preacher: "The Adventure of Thinking. Youth"
 [Psalm 84; Matthew 7:7-12]

