

Sermon Outlines

Jan. 1947 - Dec 1947

Petersham, Mass.  
Jan. 5, 1947

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Readings:

Psalm 24

Matt. 23/27-- 39.

The Lord mighty in Battle  
or the Lord of Hosts.

The conflict of the Ages.

A picture of contrasts.

The pathetic figure of Senator Bilbo

Emerson Guild in Budapest

"With God Against Hitler."

Szent Ivanyi. Jamaica Plain  
Wife from Lexington Etc.

The Spear Head of all  
this Social Evolution has  
been the person of prophetic  
insight, Emerson. It  
Something Higher than any  
fact.

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Jan. 12, 1947

First Winter Union Service.

Carter away.

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Readings:

Matt. 6/5--15.

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Ideas, and ideals, - good or bad  
come to life in persons. These  
constitute a person's real Religion.

Individual- Secret. E.g. Jesus.

Corporate. Church.

"More ready to give than we to  
receive."

Prayer is the effort we make to  
discover what life ought to give us.

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January 19, 1947

Union Service.

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Readings :

Mark 1/14-20

35--39

2/18-22

(23-28 ) ?

Behold the Upright Man.

What is the process by which the early Christian move developed.

This picture in Mark suggests not only that, but the whole history on man.

Behold an upright man; and then a decision, and then a story to tell to someone else.

BE A CAREFUL MONEY CHANGER? WHO REJECTS

FALSE COINS AND ACCEPTS ONLY THOSE THAT

ARE GOOD. (One of the six non-biblical sayings of Jesus that survived in the writings of the Church fathers. This was the most frequently used

Doubtless a figurative saying.

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January 26, 1947

Third Union Service.

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Acts;

~~xx~~ 2/1-21.

The Sense of the Meeting.

Friends ' Method.

Pentacost. Holy Spirit.

The comeback after the great  
tragedy of the death of their leader  
and hope.

Learning to listen.

Radar Experiment in landing a plane  
in a fog. Navy devise developed in the  
last days of the war. To be handed over  
for commercial flying.

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Carter Preaching.

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Petersham, Mass.

First Union Feb. 9, 1947

Union Service in First Church

Davis out of combat.-

Nose-

Sk unk<sup>d</sup>

Carter took the whole service.

Petersham, Mass  
Feb. 16, 1947

First Union Service in North Church

E.C.D. Preaching.

Scripture:

Proverbs 9/1-6

Hymn 364

John 5 / 30 -- 43.

"Science seems to me to teach in the highest and strongest manner the great truth which is embodied in the Christian conception of entire surrender to the will of God. Sit down before fact as a little child, be prepared to give up every preconceived notion, ~~follow~~ follow humbly wherever and to whatever abysses nature leads, or you shall learn nothing. I have only begun to learn content and peace of mind since I have resolved at all risks to do this.

Thomas Huxley,  
Page 143, "Aphorisms and  
Reflections.

Truth for living.

A--- A out of the past, - the spirit that discovered and sustained the great values of life.

B--- In nature.

C. in Human Nature.

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Integrity- unimpaired- wholeness  
honesty

Faith-- Huxley above.



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Feb. 23, 1947

Union Service, North Church  
E.C.D. Preaching.

Readings Isaiah 40/1-6

" 41/1-4

Matt. 4/1-11.

Mark 1/12-13

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Situation Isaiah 40 etc

Persian Influence.

Temptations. Mark & Matthew

1-- Bread, - Not bread alone

2-- Pinnacle of the Temple- Ecclesiastical  
power

3- High Mountain--- Plotical Powere.

Northborough, Mass.

Feb 21, 1947

Outline of address for  
International Days of Prayer.

Scripture- Readings

Matthew 5/5-9

" 7/7--14

Subject- Building a Highway.

"In the wilderness clear the way of the  
Lord,  
Make level in the desert a highway for our  
God.

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Implications of this figurative language  
of Is 40 and setting.

Babylon- captivity

Cyrus, 558-529- The messiah.

Background. Moses -Wilderness- Desert.

Ark of God- Dwelling Place, Tabernacle.

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Phil. of Prayer as Jesus set it forth.

Internal- closet- Thought, purpose.  
Insight. Discovery-

What kind of a world ?

Seek and ye shall find

Ask and it shall be given

Knock and it shall be opened.

"More ready to give, than ye to receive.

Answer to prayer rests in the one who  
prays, hence Jesus remark, Your father

Palm Sunday.

Petersham  
March 30. 1947

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Readings:

Luke 19/ 29-44

Vegetation festival.

What the meaning. ?

As of to-day.

Chapel Hill- Horace williams.

Liberalism.

Everett. Emerson. Channing.

That is the process.

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Easter, April 6, 1947

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Reading\* Mark  
John 10/ 27-30

The quest for Immortality.

"The individual sees himself in the process of reality (life) At one end of this process is the individual and at the other end the Eternal One. Each is a complement of the other. The individual is the process that finds itself in begriff." (Pattern of life)

H. Williams. Page 249

" The rise of manto social idealism took place long before the traditional theologians 'age of revelation'. The moral ideas of early men were the product of their own social experience. .... about 3500 B.C. men living in the Nile Valley were organized into a great society. In this earliest society of which we know, the conception of approval and disapproval of conduct appeared. "

Him who is taed--- him who is loved

The bearer of peace- the bearer of cri

James Henry Breasted, Egyptologist.<sup>crime.</sup>

The first step on the quest for the  
meanin of life- (Voices of Liberalism Page 6-7)

Jeaus , I and my father are one.

In the beginning God, -Life, Life  
eternal.

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April 13, 1947

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Readings:

Jefferson's Bible  
Pages 58-9  
Sullivan- Page 140

Freedom of Religion.

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April 20, 1947

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The Church Universal.

Readings.

John 20 4/20-24

Acts 19/ 23--

Job 28/28

And unto man he said,  
Behold, to be aware of the Lord,  
that is wisdom;  
And to depart from evil is understanding.

- 1- The contrast of attitude between  
Jesus and the Samaritan woman  
and  
the scene at Ephesus
- 2- In an age of hysteria, such as we  
seem to be entering, these two  
incidents have much to tell us.

The wisdom which has been tested  
by ages of history, is applicable  
in all the relations of life.

A- out of the past we move into a new  
age. Neither of the old is entirely  
true, nor will all things of the old  
survive.

- b- Controversy may lead to a new  
approach, as in the case of the  
well at Samaria.  
Or it may lead to riot and conflict.  
as at Ephesus.

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Readings ;

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Acts 11/19--~~25~~ 30, 349/1&3

Ch nning Pamphlet, Page 3

National Conference of Christians  
and Jews.

George Zook- Report on Religious Education

Toynbee-- The bottom of all the  
world wide struggle and revolution-  
ary uprisings is religious- That is  
the fundmanetal and most important  
fact of life.

Federal support of Education.

Petersham, Mass.  
May 4, 1947.

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Readings  
Isaiah 31-3  
" 32-8

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M. R. O + P = 198 = Lowell.

"The Liberal Mind" =

"The Noble Mind" = Revised Version.

But the liberal deviseth liberal things;  
and by liberal things shall he stand."

734 B. C. - 701 B. C.

Is. 32<sup>E</sup>

What is "The Liberal"?

G. F. Hettering: "When you lock  
the laboratory door, you lock out  
more than you lock in."





Petersham, Mass.  
May 18, 1947

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Readings\*

Galatians % 5/13-- 6/10  
Emersona \* ~~xxof~~ Great Com. Page 147

Mutual Aid & Individual

Struggle for existance, and the survival of the fit.

who are the fit ?

Those who recognize mutual aid.

James Harvey Robinson on Religion

In volume , "Whither Mankind" published in 1928.

Seculariaation of Religion.

Jesus was a layman.

Religion a sense of values.

Petersham, Mass.  
May 25, 1947

Sunday before Memorial Day  
Union Service at North Church  
E.C.D. Preaching.

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Readings :  
From Haggai and Zechariah  
Soul of Bible , Page 263 & 4  
H.W.L.'s The Ship of State.

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The Beginning and the end.  
Alpha and Omega.

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A clearing and a new Home on the  
road to Athol.

Break down the idea of Patriotism  
into its essential Units.

Let our imagination run riot as we  
go back to the building of Petersham.

- 1- The Indian Wars- before Petersham.  
Reward- homes- Grants- Young couples  
and adventures\*
- 2- Revolutionary war-
- 3- Civil war
- 4- Spanish war
- 5-First world war
- 5 second world war.

What for ? Homes . Into the stream of  
history, into the heart of God.

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June 1 , 1947

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Readings\* Romans 12

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Cartoon-

What a silly place to plant a tree ?

We come up against old principles

Wells- World reporter.

" The long established fundamental principles remain that have been available to guide human action through the ages. Truth and justice , mercy to the weak, and understanding to the strong are principles that require no formal justification. These are not the principles of science ; they relate to the spiritual rather than natural laws. Nevertheless the study of the phenomena of society and the reactions of human beings to their social and economic environment, if ~~not~~ pursued in accordance with the fundamental principles of science, will lead to a more generalized knowledge of the subject and eventually to methods that can be applied ~~to~~ in practise.

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The path of Science

C.E.kenneth mees.

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June 29, 1947

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Readings:

Matt. 7/15-- 29  
Channing Page 444.

This Church and the Church Universal.

What is this Church, ?

It is a small concrete institution  
that meets the necessities of a  
definite locality in time and space  
but it opens the door to the Church  
Universal and invisible.

What does it mean to become a responsible  
person in this Church.

Petersham

June 22, 1947

Childrens Sunday  
Christening.

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Readings :  
Luke 2/22--40

" Is Not this Joseph's Son ? "

High Standards of domestic and social life in New England, as compared with the general run.

We complain of the lowering of standards to-day \*

"Young women of to-day live in a perpetual round of amusement. They go about, ~~day~~ by day and night, in perfect freedom. Their sole occupation is to walk, and drive, and amuse themselves with dancing. They read most improper books, and the foam of a poisonous philosophy falls from their lips."

Taken from THE LADIES ' MAGAZINE in 1800. Sited by H.E.Fosdick. Page 196-- The Hope of The World.

- L- Making the decent things attractive
- 2-- Giving the best in a child a chance to grow.

Example-- Imitation.

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July 6, 1947

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Readings:  
Ezekiel 36/22--

"Continue In Your Integrity"  
( From Petersham Letter- 1775.  
"Integrity" - wholeness, completeness,  
uprightness."

What are the implications of daily life?  
Take the services here of late.  
Christening  
Union baccalaureate Service.  
Joining the Church- dedication to  
life.

In and through such common things we  
come out of the past, and transmit to the  
future.

Ezekiel- 597- Babylonian Captivity.

Corrupt rulers taken away\*

2- periods  
one combats delusion  
2- combats despair.

Petwrsnam  
July 14, 1947

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Matt. 7/1-5--13/53--58 315

Census of 1936 --- 256 denominations  
or cults in U.S.

" No one who is acquainted with the present tone of thought in Christendom can hide from himself the fact that an intellectual, a religious crisis is impending."

Page 327 of Dr. John William Draper M.D. LL.D. Presiden of Medical College of the University of New York 1850-73. Chemist. Physiologist.

What would you regard as the essential qualities of "A Christian" ?  
Qualities that may be found in a person of any religious association, or in no organized body.

1-- a certain sense of the dignity and significance of his own life.

" I and my Father are one.

2-- a sense of social relations, Ability ~~and~~ to fell with meaning the phrase " Our Father"

3- an intimation of what we try to comprehend under the word immortality,- a sense of the eternal worth of life. the imperishable quality of personality.

*Intimation of  
A genuine Christ*



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July 20, 1947

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Readings:

Luke 15/ 11--32.

Freedom and the facts of life.

The parable of the Prodigal Son.

1-- Inheritance- We cannot escape  
History.

2-- "The Father"

3-- the adventurous Son, - but he might have  
have adventured in the direction  
of goodness, as did Jesus.

4-- The end of the road, - Can he turn ?

5- Jean Paul ~~Sartre~~ Sartre, The Age Of Reason.

Existentialism.

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July 27, 1947

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Readings.

Isaiah 52/13--53/12

Channing\* D In and Out  
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We Live vicariously :  
In Good  
In evil.

"My servant"

By his stripes we are healed

By his fidelity we are redeemed.

The prophet sees and feels the impact  
life breaking through the present into  
the future.

The power of that impact\*

Prof. Brooks and, Ferns and  
asfalt , "000 Lbe per square inch.

Harvard Forest Records of recovery  
from the hurricane.

Suppression,- futile.

Look for:

Intelligence,  
Integrity  
Fidelity.

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August 3, 1947.

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Readings:

Acts 7/51--8/1

" 9/1 --9

George Eliot's Stradivari.

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245-~~240~~

Trails and Highways.

"The Way"

The Impact of a Personality.

The scene of Stephen being stoned  
is one illustration

The effect of the scene on Paul  
is another.

Such incidents in history we look upon  
and try to get back of the records  
to see what was really taking place.

True to life-- passionate, powerful

Applicable to us and our time.

In the common things of life.

Stradivari.

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August 17, 1947

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Readings

Mark 4/ 30--32

Gal. 5/13---6/10.

Spirit of Liberty- Hand.

"Walk by the Spirit"

What do we mean, when we talk of walking by the Spirit.

We live in an environment which we did not create, and which we cannot, in all honesty escape. At times that environment is relatively stable and dependable.

At times it is storm swept, and changing such to day.

Sperm whalers.

"The Yankee Whaler" By Clifford W Ashley.

Quakers- finding the New England Colonies not too hospitable to them and their Ideas,

Many settled in Nantucket. Very difficult to meet the needs of life.

About 1700- a Sperm Whale was washed ashore,- a source of income for them. They noticed the superior quality of the Oil .

In 1712, Christopher Hussey was off shore fishing. Saw a sperm whale, killed it and dragged it ashore. That was the beginning of the great whaling industry of New England.

1715- six Sperm whale sloops were whaling out of Nantucket?

in 1765 - there were 101  
1775 over 150

In 1745- the first ship to carry Oil to  
London

Boys began learning the trade of  
cooper, boat builders, smiths, at about  
the age of 12

Then became petty officers, and later  
Captains.

Retired at about forty from the sea  
end of the industry.

In 1925 the last of the whaling vessels  
ships came in.

The Charles W. Morgan on exhibition.

"A dead Whale or a stove Boat."

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Readings:

Two scenes from  
Matthew, - 17/1-8  
19/ 16-22.

( Both deal with the same theme, -  
"Uncertainty\* Fog

" The fog comes  
on little cat feet.

It sits looking  
over harbor and city  
on silent haunches  
and then moves on. Carl Sandburg.

One of six vagrant sayings of Jesus,  
from an Egyptian papyrus, and one very an  
ancient Church father says that it came f  
from a Hebrew Gospel.

" " The seeker should not rest until  
he finds that which he seeks ; but when h  
he finds it he will wonder ; but when he k  
has wondered he will be master ; but  
when he is master he will find rest."

Arise, and be not afraid

"We are subject to the curious error  
that religion is a separate compartment  
of life. when as a matter of fact it is th  
the underlying principle of all aspects  
of life, and our ideas about religion ar  
are subject to constant change.

That was the situation in the  
passages that we read for the morning les  
lesson. The fog of doubt about the  
validity of traditional forms.

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But the old traditions have a value. Thomas Mann's emphasis upon the epic character of the old legends, and stories

Conversation with a person excited over the prospect of building one of the extremely modern houses, with a concrete floor and the heating system embedded in the floor.

My natural and traditional preference for the old wooden house.

fire place\*- in the new but it did not seem to belong, yet it was necessary

Then my mind went back to the campfires in the open amid the trees. There is something primitive deeply embedded in our nature.

Yet that powerful quality of developing out of the things known, experiences and observation of life that compels discovery.

The fog comes.

Then follows some such situation as ~~xxxx~~ the disciples with Jesus, or the rich young man.

And we become seekers.

How packed with truth is that vagrant saying attributed to Jesus.

With what irresistible logic it outlines the process, whether in our personal problems or our large social problems.

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"Thou hast made us for thyself,  
O God , and our hearts are restless  
until they find rest in thee. In thy  
will is our peace."

St Augustine, Dante.



August 31, 1947

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Readings.

Sermon by Dr. Frederick R. Griffin.

Notices.

The Church School will hold its opening session next Sunday, Sept. 7 at 9.45

On Saturday afternoon, September 6 at Three O'clock,

Richard Lord Riley

And Mary Gatesbury Jones

are to be married in this Church.

A cordial invitation is extended to the community to attend.

Petersham  
September 7, 1947

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Readings:

~~Matt. 7/7-12~~ John 4/19--  
Emerson;

In Life and in Reality.

Something Above the conflict.

Donald Lippitt's Remark.

Read

What is it ?

The Garden process

Catalog

planting

Product and by product

Back into the soil.

Fertile seed- Photographs  
and wisdom.

Jesus at the well ; - profound  
historic differences, - but some-  
thing above and beyond those differences

"The Dice of God are always loaded.

In Spirit and in Truth.

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September 14, 1947

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Readings:

Joel 3/14ff

Amos, 5/18-24

From Register- Bach

God's Eager Fool.  
Albert Schweitzer.

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Readings:

Matt. 5/13--20

Luke 14/ 15--24

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408Gateways to the age to come.

Matt./ 5--17- Think not that I came to destroy the law and the prophets; I came not to destroy but to fulfill.

Luke 14/15--24 23- Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Faith Hope and charity.

We take too limited a view of life, and fail to recognize that right where we live, is the center of life for us, and that all the devastating problems of the time are here.

an age is dying and an age is being born.

That is the tradition spirit of this Church about whose sanctuary we are gathered, a Faith and a hope and a charity.

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Readings:

Luke 4/32-- 5/12

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Keeping back part of the price.

Community of heritage.

"Modern World"

A high view-

1453-- Constantinople.

Torquemada- 1420- 1481--- 1498

1492-- Discovery-- 455 yrs ago.

1608 -- Scrooby

1620 -- Plymouth.

1738-- Petersham Church gathered.

1947-- Freedom Train.

Scrooby Covenant.  
as reported by Bradford? Page 13  
Bradford History.

So many therefore of these professors as saw the evil of these things, in these parts, and whose hearts the Lord had touched with heavenly zeal for his truth, they shook of this yoke of anti-christian bondage, and as the Lord's free people, joined themselves ( by a cevenant of the Lord) into a church estate, in the fellowship of the Gospel, to walk in all his ways, made known or to be made known unto them, according to their best endeavors, whatsoever it should cost them, the Lord assisting them. and that it cost them something this ensewing history will declare.

Bradford's History of  
Plymouth Plantation. Page 13.

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Readings:

Psalm 65

Each in his own Tongue.

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Moments ~~of~~ to be cherished  
and remembered.

Psalm 65-- setting Elohim  
Jehovah.

Carruth's Poem.

Forget for the moment the problems  
and tensions of the day.

Just sneak off onto the hill, or  
some secluded spot, and look for

what the Psalmist saw or Carruth.

The Long Range, and the moment.

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October 26, 1947

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The Basic Essentials of Life:

Kindliness, Charity, Forbearance,  
and Goodwill.

Contrasts :

Yesterday we anxiously listened for news about the forest fires.

Even while we were listening into Petersham came with a happy father and mother a boy one week old.

Contrasts

Revelation & discovery

Where is the new born child to get his understanding of life, in a world in which the affections and hopes of the human soul can find its way to



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<del>xxxx</del> Acts 8/1-24	

Faith of the Fathers.

" The Will To Live."

The pagan festival of the Dead.

All Saints Day \*beginning the eve of  
October 31

All Souls day, November 2.

Halbweenn.

What is back of all this festival?

Season- harvest,

1--The outward expression of The Will to  
live.

2-- the continuity of life

All the forms and customs, beliefs of  
men are expressions of this underlying  
spirit of which we are a part and  
to which we are tied by all the in-  
visible forces about us.

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Readings:

Psalm 29- ~~-----~~ *March 10* 354

Channing; Page 905 Works.

"That we may remember"

Righteousness Exhaleth a nation  
But sin is a reproach to any people.

Yesterday a violent storm  
Today clear sunshine.

What is there to remember today that  
may help us to maintain our poise and  
contribute to a more peaceful world?

One hundred years ago ;  
The Holy Alliance; Monroe Doctrine.  
The aftermath of two great upheavals  
The French Revolution and  
The American Revolution.

The attempt to throw off the specious  
claims of the Divine institution of  
Kings and Priests; to establish the  
foundations of democracy in Church and  
State.

Life Liberty and the pursuit of  
happiness.

From the point of view of Religion as  
organized , Luther Willson's ministry in  
Petersham expressed the difficulty and  
Turmoil of the Period.

Not Freedom from thought , but freedom  
to think and to express thought.

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Readings;

Parts of Hebrews 11 & 12

THE WILL TO LIVE

Two uses of the word Faith.

Moses

Illustration of ~~Noah~~, the story of the

arkx Exodus.

The Spirit and Courage

The facts- or alleged facts

Pilgrims.

To-day,--

The Will to live

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November 23, 1947

Union Thanksgiving Service  
North Church.

Sermon topic,-

A THANKSGIVING OF PROMISE.

Scripture:

Psalm 84

Great Companions, Page Page 601

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As we meet for a service of worship on this Sunday before Thanksgiving 1947 our minds cannot refrain from recalling the dramatic contrast of circumstances. The picture of the half a hundred surviving Pilgrims, and their guests of 90 Indians. Driven from ~~England~~ England by the combined pressure of the Church and state, in its attempt to suppress and crush out the heresy of the Puritans.

We have just been witnessing the dramatic and spontaneous response of this Democratic nation, now the most powerful nation in the world, to the pressing needs and necessities of England and Europe; The freedom train and the friendship train.

The Pilgrims

Where did they come from,- small towns

Why-- ?

John Robinson,- " A man hath, in truth so much religion, as he hath between the Lord and himself in secret, and no more, what shows soever he makes before man. Page 33 Essays, page 271  
o.s.davis, john robinson

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What was happening ?

These men had picked up the golden thread of the fabric of human history. that at its best, and in its purest expression in human life, a person's religion expresses itself in high ethical standards.

All forms and ceremonies and doctrines derive their vital content from the spirit of devotion to values and standards of conduct.

About to day. here in our own lives.

Whitehead : Nothing does more harm in unnerving men for their duties in the present than the attention devoted to the points of excellence in the past as compared with the average failure of the present day."  
from S.M.W. p 294, cited in  
W. & W. plo2 .

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Not Revelation, but discovery.

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Hebrews 3/1--15

One of the great facts of life which we overlook is the fact that life cannot stand still.

Consider the fact of a field of corn. We watch it grow from day to day, until the time of the harvest. Then we wish that it could stand still while we enjoy the full product. But it does not. Something more important is at stake, - namely the next year's crop.

Test this out in a thousand aspects of life, and you find that it is always true. Life is a dynamic thing, a force that is forever moving forward.

All that we have learned about life all that we know or imagine is the product of that compelling power.

Discovery, not revelation.

We go to sleep to-night, and wake on the morrow, the world we wake on is not the same as the world that goes to sleep. We are not the same.

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Two attitudes towards life  
and religion.

1---that the golden age is in the  
past. We are on the down hill road  
that idea crops up in our mind  
every once in a while, as we view  
the present situation.  
Ø, for the good old days.

2---- the other is that the golden age  
lies before us. The spirit that  
created the past at its best is still here.

God not only was but is.

Holy-- Whole, Hale, Healthy,

THE WHOLE MAN\* THE WHOLE OF LIFE

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Luke 2/ 21 -- 40

Simeon,-

Luke , written somewhere between 95  
and a hundred. Parts of Mark and  
Matthew Plus.

The story of Simeon,  
a familiar sort,

"I was there when he was "Presented"  
I realized that he was something  
special. I told his father and  
mother.

The First chapter of Matthew, the  
ancestry of Jesus.

His home,-

Visit to the temple. etc.

Awareness of his times.

Jump from then to to-day.

Watching,- like Simeon.

W.A.S. John Barrington.

Fred Albee-- Pratt.



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Preparation for Christmas.

Questions and Answers.

Readings ;--

Luke 2/ 41 -- 52

Luke 4/16-- 21.

Nothing in Mark about Jesus Birth.  
but one

Luke has ~~xxxxxxxx~~ passages about his ~~life~~  
about his childhood.

The journey to Jerusalem -Passover.  
Great Caravan, family relatives  
and neighbors.

In the Temple\* Boy-like asking questions.

Lost--- Hunt. Finding, answer.

Hero worship-- etc.

Freedom as a boy-- Running here and there

2-- the scene in the synagogue at

Nazareth.

Purpose-- Teacher.

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Radings:

Mark 9/2--13

Mark 14/26 and 32 to 42.

Why the Birth of Jesus is celebrated?

The celebration of Birthdays.

In the family.

Among friends- Otto by the window.

Great characters, Washington, Lincoln  
etc.

Jesus--- Not because of his birth. We  
do not know the date, or the year.

Mark, the oldest does not mention it.

In fact the earliest mention of what we  
now call Christmas, is in the calendar  
of Philocalus, which was drawn up at  
Rome in 336, A.D. -- Up to the end of +  
the third century, the birth was celebrated  
on Jan 6th. Not until 375 was the change  
made at Antioch from Jan xth to Dec. 25.

So we may say that by the year 400 or  
earlier the custom of celebrating the  
birth of Jesus had become a part of the  
Christian world.

Why-- Not because of the legends  
associated with his Birth. They are  
beautiful poetry, and tinsel with  
which the package is wrapped. The real  
significance of the life of Jesus has  
even to this date dawned upon the vast

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throng of Christendom.

The two passages that I read for a Scripture lesson are the two great events in his life, revelations of his character that made his life significant.

I spoke last Sunday of his declaration in the synagogue at Nazareth as to the end to which he was ~~giving~~ devoting his life.

The enthusiasm and consecration of ~~young~~ youth to a great and generous purpose.

In time came the tests.

One before his immediate followers. his disciples. Does he really mean what he says, Has he the stuff to ~~take~~ take it, as we would say.

Imagine the feeling of his three disciples when they finally came to the conviction that he could take, that he was in the great tradition of his race, the tradition of Moses elijah.

Two-- Gethsemene.\*\* face to face with the question of whether or not he could go through with the role that he had started. Not easy.

But he did, and ushered in a new era in human history, and

that is why in this year 1947 we celebrate the birth of a Jewish boy born in Bethlehem of Judea nearly two thousand years ago.

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Readings:

Gen<sup>2</sup> 6/ 1-- 4.

Matt. 7/ 7--14

John. 4/19--26

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date of origin

Hinduism	1500 B.C.	217 Million
Judiasm	1200 B.C. <sup>2</sup>	11 "
Moses.		
Buddhism	560 B.C.	137 "
Gautama- Buddha		
(Christianity	4-B.C.	557 " )
Roman Catholicism -		325 A.D.
Islam -	570 A.D.	230 "
Protestant Christianity		1517 A.D.
Unitarianism	1785 - 1924	