## 1947 Sermons<sup>1</sup>

January 5, 1947	The Lord Mighty in Battle or the Lord of Hosts [Psalm 24; Matthew 23:37-39. Reference to the Emerson Guild in Budapest and to Alexander Szent-Ivanyi.]
January 12	<ul> <li>Ideas, and Ideals, Good or Bad, Come to Life in Persons. These Constitute a Person's real Religion.</li> <li>First of Winter Union Services at First Church; sermon by E.C.D.</li> <li>[Matthew 6:5-15; Gt. Com. Page 94, a passage from "The Doubting Castle" by John Bunyan (1628-1688).]</li> </ul>
January 19	Behold the Upright Man Union Service [Mark 1:14-20,35-39; 2:18-22, (23-28)?]
January 26	The Sense of the Meeting Third Union Service. [Acts 2:1-21]
February 2	No Title Union Service Rev. James T. Carter, Preacher
February 9	No Title Union Services in First Church Davis out of conbat Nose-Skunk¾ [sic] Carter took whole service.
February 16	No Title First Union Service in North Church E.C.D. Preaching [Proverbs 9:1-6; John 5:30-43; quote from T.H. Huxley.]
February 21	Building a Highway Northborough, Massachusetts Outline of address for International Days of Prayer [Matthew 5:5-9; 7:7-14. Also referenced Isaiah 40:3.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Davis collected the notes for his 1947 sermons in a small booklet. All locations are Petersham, Massachusetts, unless otherwise noted.

February 23	No Title Union Service, North Church E.C.D. Preaching [Isaiah 40:1-6; 41:1-4; Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13]
March 30	Vegetation Festival Palm Sunday [Luke 19:29-44. Mention of Horace Williams, Edward Everett, R.W. Emerson, W.E. Channing.]
April 6	The Quest for Immortality Easter [Mark; John 10:27-30. Henry Horace Williams and James Henry Breasted both quoted.]
April 13	Freedom of Religioin [Jefferson's Bible, Pages 58-9 (Luke 12:2-27); (William Laurence) Sullivan, Page 140.]
April 20	The Church Universal [John 4:20-24; Acts 19:23. Job 28:28 quoted]
April 27	National Conference of Christians and Jews [Acts 11:19-30; Channing Pamphlet, Page 3. References to the George Zook report on higher education, and to Arnold Toynbee.]
May 4	The Liberal Mind [Isaiah 31:1-3; 32:1-8; M.R.U.+P., 198, Lowell; reference to G.F. Kettering]
May 11	The Family Mother's Sunday [Proverbs 31:10-31; (Lewis) Mumford]
May 18	Mutual Aid & Individual [Galatians 5:13 – 6:10. Emerson, Great Com., Page 147. Reference to James Harvey Robinson on Religion in edited volume <i>Wither Mankind?</i> ]
May 25	The Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega [From Haggai and Zechariah <i>, Soul of Bible,</i> Page 263&4. H.W.L(ongfellow)'s The Ship of State]
June 1	Cartoon: What a Silly Place to Plant a Tree? [Romans 12; M.R.P&V, Page 266; quotation from <i>The Path of Science,</i> ed. C.E.K. Mees and J.R. Baker]

June 22	Is Not this Joseph's Son? Children's Sunday, Christening [Luke 2:22-40. Quote from 1800 edition of <i>The Ladies' Magazine</i> as quoted in H.R. Fosdick <i>The Hope of the World</i> ]
June 29	This Church and the Church Universal [Matthew 7:15-29; Channing, Page 444.]
July 6	Continue In Your Integrity [Ezekiel 36:22ff.]
July 13	No Title [Matthew 7:1-5; 13:53-58. Quote from John Draper about the conflict between religion and science.]
July 20	Freedom and the Facts of Life [Luke 15:11-32; mention of Jean-Paul Sartre's <i>The Age of Reason</i> .]
July 27	No Title [Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12; Channing, likely from Chapiro's <i>Channing Day by Day,</i> for July 18. Mention of the effects of the Great New England Hurricane of 1938.]
August 3	Trails and Highways [Acts 7:51–8:1; 9:1-9; George Eliot's Stradivari.]
August 17	Walk by the Spirit [Mark 4:30-32; Galatians 5:13-6:10; "Spirit of Liberty," Learned Hand. Discussion of book, <i>The Yankee Whaler</i> , by Clifford W. Ashley]
August 24	No Title [Two scenes from Matthew: 17:1-8; 19:16-22. Both deal with the same theme, uncertainty, fog. Carl Sandburg's poem "Fog" quoted. Quotation from "Sayings of Jesus Outside the Gospels," by Adolf Von Harnack. Quote from St. Augustine's Confessions.]
August 31	No Title Frederick R. Griffin, preacher.
September 7	In Life and In Reality [John 4:19ff; Emerson. Quotation from Emerson's essay, "Compensation."]

September 14	God's Eager Fool: Albert Schweitzer [Joel 3:14ff; Amos 5:18-24; From Register: Bach]
October 5	Gateways to the Age to Come [Matthew 5:13-20; Luke 14:15-24]
October 12	Keeping back part of the price [Luke 4:32-5:12; Bradford History of Plymouth Plantation]
October 19	Moments to be Cherished and Remembered [Psalm 65; William Herbert Carruth's poem "Each in His Own Tongue"]
October 26	The Basic Essentials of Life: Kindliness, Charity, Forbearance and Goodwill [Psalm 104]
November 2	Faith of the Fathers. The Will To Live [Acts 8:1-24]
November 9	That We May Remember [Psalm 29; Mark 10:35-40; Channing, Page 905, Works. Proverbs 14:34 quoted. The Holy Alliance and the Monroe Doctrine mentioned. Luther Willson mentioned.]
November 16	The Will To Live [Parts of Hebrews 11 & 12. Mention of Moses and Exodus and of the Pilgrims]
November 23	A Thanksgiving of Promise Union Thanksgiving Service, North Church [Psalm 84; <i>Great Companions</i> , essay, "An Epistle to the Americans" by E.D. Mead (1849-1937). Mention of the 1947 Freedom Train and Friendship Train. Quote from John Robinson (1576-1625) pastor of the Pilgrims before they sailed on the Mayflower. Quote from Alfred North Whitehead's (1861-1947) <i>Science and the Modern World</i> .]
November 30	Not Revelation, But Discovery In addition to two versions of notes for this sermon, there is a full text version of the sermon, "Not Revelation, But Discovery, Not Forms but the Holy Spirit" for this date, November 30, 1947. [Hebrews 2:1-15; G. Com. Page 101—the poem, "The Light of Faith" by George Santayana (1863-1952).]

December 7	Simeon [Luke 2:21-40. Mention of fellow Bowdoin graduate Frederick H. Albee.]
December 14	Preparation for Christmas. Questions and Answers [Luke 2:41-52; Luke 4:16-21]
December 21	Why the Birth of Jesus is Celebrated [Mark 9:2-13; Mark 14:26 and 32-42]
December 28	Religion and Religions [Genesis 6:1-4; Matthew 7:7-14; John 4:19-26. Includes a list of religions attributed to Julian Huxley (1887-1975), with the curious entry of "Unitarianism 1785-1924."]