

1947 Sermons¹

- 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 Ideas, and Ideals, Good or Bad, Come to Life in Persons. These Constitute a
 Person's real Religion.
 First of Winter Union Services at First Church; sermon by E.C.D.
 [Matthew 6:5-15; Gt. Com. Page 94, a passage from "The Doubting
 Castle" by John Bunyan (1628-1688).]
- 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 combat Nose-Skunk^¾ [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.]

¹ 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 Religion
 [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 *Wither Mankind?*]
- May 25 The Beginning and the End. Alpha and Omega
 [From Haggai and Zechariah, *Soul of Bible*, 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 *The Path of Science*, 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 *The Ladies' Magazine* as
 quoted in H.R. Fosdick *The Hope of the World*]
- 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 *The Age of Reason*.]
- July 27 No Title
 [Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12; Channing, likely from Chapiro's *Channing Day by
 Day*, 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, *The Yankee Whaler*, 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."]

- 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."]