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need to be courageous and clear about saying that Christianity does not come wrapped as absolute and exclusive truth?

And isn't it so essential in this world as it is this morning, that we tell our children and model for them here, in all kinds of interesting and compelling ways, that the religious life is a journey on which we are constantly learning and unlearning, changing and growing, stretching and being stretched?

In this world where claims of absolute truth, and literalistic reading of sacred texts, and religious bullying, are driving wedges deeper and deeper, must we not now walk a different way — you and I?

Is it not imperative that we reclaim here the Jesus who ate with the outcast and shared bread with the poor, who touched the untouchables and told the least of these that they too were children of God — the Jesus who was a notorious boundary-crosser and challenger of religious orthodoxies?

We cannot let anyone steal the Jesus we know

Somewhere this morning — no, in lots of places in the world and in our country this morning — religion is being used to exclude and draw lines in the sand. In lots of places in the world this morning fear of religious difference and righteous anger is being preached and prayed from pulpits and minarets, shrines and temples.

But one thing we know for sure this morning is that this world cannot afford any more religion in which faith is defined by rigid borders and absolute truth claims.

So is it not more important than ever this morning, that we commit again to being here a contrast community, rooted deeply in that generous, boundary crossing, nonviolent Spirit we've seen in Jesus?

Is it not, must it not be, our calling and our prayer? God, help us to see your sacredness in the eyes and the faith of the one whose way to you is different. **EW**

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