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Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr, Bishop Michael Curry, then-presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Jim Wallis, then-president of Sojourners, chat before leading an interfaith vigil titled "Reclaiming the Integrity of Faith During Political and Moral Crisis" May 24, 2018, in Washington. (CNS/Reuters/Jonathan Ernst)



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On this week's episode of "The Nonviolent Jesus Podcast," I speak with Bishop Michael Curry who served as the 27th presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church from 2015-2024.

Throughout his 40 years of ordained ministry, Curry has been a prophetic leader, particularly in the areas of racial reconciliation, climate change, evangelism, immigration policy and marriage equality. Curry is the author of five books, including the bestseller, Love Is the Way, as well as, The Power of Love; Crazy Christians; and Following the Way of Jesus. He captured the world's attention when he preached at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Westminster Abbey and called the whole world to love.

"A Christianity that doesn't take the way of Jesus, his way of radical unconditional love, his way of nonviolent living always goes wrong," Curry said on the podcast. "Sacrificial love is the way of God and the way of life. As Duke Ellington said, 'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing!' "

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"Jesus organized a movement," he said. "Jesus organizes us to join the movement of God, which is bigger than all religions put together. That's where love and life are found, where the good and the loving and the compassionate rule."

"If we do what is necessary to establish peace and enable justice, we are aligning ourselves with the goodness of God," Curry said. This is "a long distance walk, so we need each other, we need community."

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