

### **Litany of Call**

A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name... 'Samuel';  
Fisherman once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow;  
And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?  
**Here I am. Send me.**

Moses protested vehemently as the Voice spoke at the burning bush;  
Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth;  
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Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus;  
Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered;  
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The Voice beckons from humble places...  
in the tears of hungry children,  
in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly,  
in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred;  
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A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice;  
A struggling church hears the Voice and turns;  
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In a time of accelerating change: in climate, technology, and societal make-up  
Perfumed by polarization, partisanship and passionate outrage;  
The Voice calls us to walk in the Way of Jesus: to love our neighbor as God first loves us.  
To proclaim the year of God's favor to all those made in God's image.  
To not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.  
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**How do you hear the Voice in our world today?**