Obedience

We gather with listening hearts,

Obedience is about listening, so we listen to our hearts, to our God and to those who love us.
Listening with the ear of the heart enables us to be truly present to others, and to respond to them with love and compassion.

I found I had less and less to say, until finally, I became silent, and began to listen. I discovered in the silence, the voice of God.
Søren Kierkegaard

Listening is much more than allowing another to talk while waiting for a chance to respond. Listening is paying full attention to others and welcoming them into our very beings. The beauty of listening is that those who are listened to start feeling accepted, start taking our words more seriously and discovering their true selves.

Henri Nouwen

Listen carefully, my child, to the master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart.

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Listening with the heart means we are truly present to others, and respond to them with love and compassion.
How do I listen and respond to those I come into contact with each day?

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am.
Be still and know.
Be still.
Be.

Psalm 46:10

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