

The Slave Trade – A Candlelight Remembrance and Recognition

Program Friday October 13, 2017 7 p.m. Cambridge Courthouse Grounds and Bayly House

- Welcome Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley

- Blessing of this Place (Spring Valley, formerly a Slave Auction block)
Pastor Tina Blake,
Grace United Methodist Church
Karen Somerville

 - Song TBD

- A Reading of excerpts from the *Slave Trade* by M. Birkett 1792
- Introduction of Slave Dwelling Project Lynda Davis
Coming To The Table
- What Slave Dwellings Represent to Me Joseph McGill

- Song (TBD) Melissa Wise Slacum

- Introduction to Remembrance and Recognition Bill Jarman
- Remembrance and Recognition of Dorchester Enslaved Community by Descendants of those enslaved and of those who held them in bondage. A reading of known names of enslaved people.
- Procession of the Enslaved People to the Bayley Slave Cabin
with a “travelling song” TBD during walk by Karen Somerville and Melissa Slacum.
(direction: Platform speakers lead the enslaved people with attendees following)

Once all are gathering at the Slave Cabin:

- Reading of excerpts of poem: *Freedoms Plow* by Langston Hughes
Read by Troy Hill
- Song *Keep your hand on the Plow! Hold On!* Karen Somerville and
Melissa Slacum
(Direction: Karen begins singing solo from the Slave Cabin. Melissa responds solo from outside. As they sing they come together outside the door, singing in duet).

- *The Slave Singing at Midnight* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Reader Pastor James Whittaker, Waugh Chapel

- Prayer of Good Night and Protection Pastor James Whittaker,
Waugh Chapel

- Concluding Song “*Amazing Grace*” Karen and Melissa, all participate

Attendees are welcome to stay for light refreshment and conversation with Slave Dwelling Project, Inalienable Rights and Coming to the Table representatives.