Introduction
Take a few moments to quiet your spirit and prepare yourself for this labyrinth journey.

As you begin your walk with Jesus toward the cross, you are invited to think about fear. Fear was a major theme for those who followed Jesus, especially in the last weeks of his life, and fear is a constant theme for us in the year 2014.

Sixteen sets of artists have created stations that will allow you to make this journey. Along the way, you will encounter fears and antidotes to fears, coming directly from scripture. Walking and praying the stations with an open heart and mind allows us to enter into the mystery of this sorrowful weekend through a different lens. All of us are on a journey with God and our understanding of that journey is intermixed with our understanding and images of God. Please approach these stations with an appreciation for the artist’s journey and how it may expand and enrich your own journey.

Fear not! We follow a wonderful God who came close through Jesus.
1. Fear of the Unknown

SCRIPTURE  Matthew 21:1-11
They had come near Jerusalem and had reached the Mount of Olives. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

REFLECTION
As pieces of colored, textured glass are laid down on the window glass, knowledge of Jerusalem is filled in, piece by piece. We walk through the Old City with Jesus, discovering it bit by bit. Fear, the blankness of the unknown, subsides as Jesus enters triumphantly. The unknown, the blank slate, becomes a canvass of color and beauty. How will Jesus be received? What will unfold in the days to come?

ACTIVITY
You are invited to glue pieces of glass to the mosaic windowpane, symbolic of Jesus’ view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, his point of entry into the unknown.

Matius 21:1-11
2. Fear of Challenging Injustice

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:12-13
Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"

Matius 21:12-13
Kemudian Yesus masuk ke Rumah Tuhan, dan mengusir semua orang yang berjual beli di situ. Ia menjungkirbalikkan meja-meja penukar uang, dan bangku-bangku penjual burung merpati. Lalu ia berkata kepada orang-orang itu, "Di dalam Alkitab tertulis bahwa Allah berkata, 'Rumah-Ku akan disebut rumah tempat berdoa.' Tetapi kalian menjadikannya sarang penyamun!"
3. Fear of Self-Acceptance and Being Misunderstood

SCRIPTURE  Mark 14:1-9
Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away. While Jesus was reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way?" And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

REFLECTION
The tree in this drawing stands tall, yet it appears hidden, almost afraid to be seen. Just like this tree, we often hide because we fear self-acceptance, afraid to believe that we are worthy, afraid that we will be misunderstood if we shared of ourselves with the world. Just like this tree, however, you are already equipped with everything you need to stand tall and accept yourself, knowing that God made you in a special way for a special reason. The woman with the alabaster jar approached the table, knowing she would be scorned by some, yet she stood tall, knowing the value of her life and the importance of sharing herself, despite risk of being misunderstood.

ACTIVITY
You are invited to take a seat in a pew, and curl yourself into a position of fear. From what are you hiding? Why are you afraid to be seen? When you are ready, allow yourself to stand up tall, opening your arms wide, gifting the world with the worthy person you are created to be.

Markus 14:1-9
4. Fear of Intimacy and Honesty

SCRIPTURE  Mark 14:12-25
On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Jesus sent two of his disciples to prepare the Passover. When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me--one who is eating with me." They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?" While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

REFLECTION
Reflect on the honest conversations that were spoken between Jesus and his dearest friends during the Last Supper (the Passover Seder Meal).

ACTIVITY
Please share in the Seder set before you, following the steps in order.
1. The Blessing: “Happy are those who are called to the table. Take, and Eat”
2. First Cup: The first cup represents the promise of peace and deliverance from fear.
3. Cleansing: Think of a time when someone has ‘washed your feet,’ or gone above and beyond to do something special for you. Jesus asked us to do this for each other.
4. Second Cup: The second cup represents the promise of the Holy Spirit.
5. Bitter Herbs: Remember a time that you have felt betrayed, or that you betrayed someone. As the chocolate melts, let the bitterness in your heart melt too, and be replaced by God’s grace.
6. Lamb: Christ as the sacrificial lamb.
7. Bread: “Think of how God has provided for you, or, say a prayer for something you need from God now.”
8. Third Cup: The third cup represents the promise of the forgiveness of sins.
9. Praise: Rejoice for the Lord is good. As you enjoy your cookie, make a commitment to bring joy to others today and every day.
10. Fourth Cup: The fourth cup is the cup of completion, representing the promise of Eternal Life. Where I am, you may also be.

Markus 14:12-25
5. Fear of Agonizing Decisions

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26: 36-41
Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He began to be sorrowful and troubled. He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

REFLECTION
An agonizing decision is a struggle with yourself.

Where does the agony come from? Often, it’s not knowing the right thing to do. Other times, we know the right thing but cannot face the pain and discomfort.

Did Jesus really have a choice in Gethsemane? Was it possible for him to let the cup pass and live as a man?

Brothers and sisters offer love, listening, support – but at the moment of decision making, do you ever feel as alone as if they had gone to sleep?

Do you pray and reach out to God for help? When Jesus reached out for relief and comfort, did God have any to offer?

After deciding, do you ever continue the agony by second-guessing your decision? Jesus agonized over his decision in Gethsemane, but how did that compare to the agony of his next days? Was there ever a moment when the man Jesus second-guessed his decision?

ACTIVITY

Matius 26:36-41
6. Fear of Betrayal and Trust

SCRIPTURE  Matthew 26:47-56
After praying, Jesus returned to his disciples. Judas arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."

REFLECTION
When we feel betrayed or when a trust has been broken, sometimes we tend toward a reaction of violence or revenge, as Peter does with the sword. But Jesus tells us to "put [our] sword back in its place," and instead Jesus turns our eyes toward God's plans.

ACTIVITY
You are invited to read and pray Psalm 37, which encourages us to put our trust in God. Take a copy of the psalm with you.

Psalm 37:3-6
Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and graze on faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord and God will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God who will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Matius 26:47-56
7. Fear of Peer Pressure

SCRIPTURE  Mark 14:26-31, 66-72
And Jesus said to them, ‘You will all become deserters.’ Peter said to him, ‘Even though all become deserters, I will not.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ But Peter said vehemently, ‘Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.’ And all of them said the same.

[Later that evening] While Peter was below in the courtyard, a servant-girl came by. When she saw Peter, she stared at him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘I do not know or understand what you are talking about.’ And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, ‘This man is one of them.’ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.’ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, ‘I do not know this man you are talking about.’ At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ And he broke down and wept.

REFLECTION
There is a difference between believing in something and standing up for those beliefs. It is easy to privately say “I Believe” but it can be hard and scary to actually stand up for those beliefs. Peter seems to have some of these fears in this passage. Peter believes that Jesus is the Messiah, but when pressed on the issue—due to fear, peer pressure, temptation—Peter denies his belief.
Where do we deny our firmly held beliefs?
Do you believe that all people should be fed? Do you always stand up for this?
Do you believe that all people are equal? Do you always stand up for this?
Do you believe that Jesus loves everyone? Do you always stand up for this?

ACTIVITY
Think of something you believe in, something you want to challenge yourself to support, but the temptations of peer pressure keep you silent and in denial. You are invited to write your belief on the poster board. Next, take a “selfie” (self-portrait) on the laptop, symbolically showing you are unafraid to share your belief. Your picture will automatically display in a slideshow on the monitor in the middle of the poster board.

8. Fear of Responsibility

SCRIPTURE  Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26
They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man." Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. The governor asked the crowd, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" "Barabbas," they answered. "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

REFLECTION
Sometimes you are faced with a responsibility that seems too great. It is so overwhelming you may convince yourself it doesn't belong to you. You may look for others to take the burden from you. Your contribution may not make a difference, or could make matters worse. If you take a stand or take action, will you look foolish or weak? How will people feel about you?

ACTIVITY
Take time to consider a challenge that has been presented to you, or that you have noticed. You may have already determined that this belongs to someone else. Try to put that reasoning aside for just a moment. Consider for this moment that it is an opportunity on your spiritual journey, not someone else's. It came to you, so it is yours. Write this challenge on a slip of paper. Fold it and put it in your pocket. Carry it around with you for a while. Remember that God is with you, and would not let you face that burden alone.
9. Fear of Humiliation and Shame

SCRIPTURE  John 19:1-3, 5
Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

REFLECTION
Visualize the image of Jesus enrobed. Think on Jesus forced into the robes of this world’s shame and on Jesus' victory over that humiliation in the resurrection. Think on us forced to hide ourselves ashamedly in the cloaks this world provides, and as Christ went before us, hope that we, as s/he, receive power to lay aside that humiliation.

ACTIVITY
As you meditate on the fear of shame and humiliation, you are invited take the 'robe' on the floor and hitch it up over your shoulders, imagining the shame that Christ takes on, that we all take on. Before leaving this station, you are then invited to let that robe fall to the floor, imaging and hoping toward Christ's victory, our victory.

Yohanes 19:1-3, 5
10. Fear of Burdens and Hardship

SCRIPTURE  Mark 15:21
Then they led Jesus out to crucify him. A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

REFLECTION
What…?

… What?

Life is absurd — at least, sometimes, it seems so. “What’s going on?” “Why?” “Why would God let this happen?” “What did I do to deserve this?” we wonder. Sometimes, the answers are just not forthcoming. …But that doesn’t make the questions go away. So we wait, we try to endure, to carry the cross that was thrown upon us, in the meanwhile. We keep our nose down and buckle up. Sometimes, we begin to live life on the surface; the depths are too dark and difficult. But none of that makes the dark and difficulty go away. It’s still there, and it slowly, quietly leeches away at us - our vitality, our hope, our life and livelihood.

Simon suffered, like we do, from other people’s unjust acts, their cruelty, their callous indifference. He carried a cross that should never have existed, that should not have been coming his way, that should not have been going anywhere. He likely asked the questions we are inclined to — and he, like us, may or may not have realized the bigger story that he was part of. His suffering was unjust, it was unfair, but it was also something that others — that Jesus — shared alongside him, and Simon’s bearing the burden was used to help, if only temporarily, ease their suffering. Our suffering is, or can be, the same — unjust and unfair, but shared, and something we can use to help alleviate the pain of those who share it.

The bigger picture that Simon was part of ended with Jesus crying out to God “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”. He, like us, and like Simon, wondered why the story had gone so horribly wrong. — Or, at least, why it seemed so.

ACTIVITY
You are invited to write your burdens and questions on the poster board, with Simon.

Next, you, too, are invited to carry the cross, lift it, hold it, walk with it up and down the middle aisle of the church, feel its heavy load. Carry it with a friend, or offer to help a stranger carry the cross and share the burden together.

Markus 15:21
Kemudian Ia dibawa ke luar untuk disalibkan. Di tengah jalan mereka memaksa seorang memikul salib Yesus. Orang itu kebetulan baru dari desa hendak masuk ke kota. (Namanya Simon, --berasal dari Kirene--ayah dari Aleksander dan Rufus.)
11. Fear of Forgiveness

They came to the place that is called The Skull. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” They cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him.

REFLECTION
Forgiveness is a transformative process. It requires the choice to forgive and the grateful acceptance of forgiveness. Forgiveness frees us from the prison of regret and resentment. Forgiveness allows us to move on in our lives and not be defined entirely by our mistakes and misdeeds, our regrets. Forgiveness gives us back the control to live happily, free of hate and fear. Most of all, forgiveness brings us closer to God and makes us more open to God’s love.

ACTIVITY
Look in the mirror. Think about someone who you need to forgive and imagine them in the picture next to the mirror, standing next to you.

Now look again. Instead, imagine that the person next to you is someone from whom you wish forgiveness.

Below is an article from the New York Times called “Portraits of Reconciliation.” In each photograph you see The Forgiver and The Forgiven. A spiritual transformation occurred, forgiveness was possible, even after so much suffering and unthinkably violent acts. If the people in these portraits can forgive and be forgiven, certainly we can look at ourselves and see both The Forgiver and The Forgiven.

Lukas 23:32-36
12. Fear of Having Hope

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

REFLECTION
The response of the second criminal is so powerful. In the midst of pain and condemnation, he finds hope in a basic request, “Please remember me, when you enter into the glory that awaits you.” The response of Jesus is just as powerful, full of the abundance of hope, “Not only will I remember you, but we will be there together.”

ACTIVITY
Allow God’s hope to guide your life. Interlock your thumbs, create a butterfly with your hands, and fly your wings. Keep this image in your heart. When hope seems far away, interlock your thumbs and allow your palms to come together, resting in a position of prayer. Whisper to God, “Remember me.” Listen for God’s whisper, “I am always with you.”

Lukas 23:39-43
13. Fear of Abandonment

SCRIPTURE  Mark 15:33-34
When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

REFLECTION
The depths of abandonment are expressed in Jesus’ one question, a question found in Psalm 22. Think about Jesus studying the scripture as a young child, memorizing verses and praying the psalms. At this moment of great need, he returns to his roots.

ACTIVITY
Have you ever felt abandoned by God? By your family? By someone you loved?
God’s Spirit is symbolized by many natural elements, such as the wind and a dove. Hold a feather high in your hand and blow it gently into the air. Watch the feather glide gracefully to the ground, while you continue to inhale and exhale deep breaths of air. Take this experience with you, and the next time you feel “forsaken,” step outside and feel the wind blow against your skin, look up for birds in flight, and despite how you may feel in that moment, know that God will never abandon you. You are welcome to take a feather with you.

Markus 15:33-34
Pada tengah hari, selama tiga jam seluruh negeri itu menjadi gelap. Dan pada pukul tiga sore, Yesus berteriak dengan suara yang keras, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabakhtani?" yang berarti, "Ya Allah-Ku, ya Allah-Ku, mengapakah Engkau meninggalkan Aku?"
14. Fear of Suffering

SCRIPTURE  John 19:18-34
They crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

REFLECTION
When I think of His pain,
   Betrayed, abandoned,
   Body torn and broken,
   All my meager suffering,
   My lonesome sorrows and fear,
   The pulsing animal heart
   Within me gives a birth
   To tears, so soft in flow
   Across my cheeks.  Dear Jesus,
Make each tear a song
   Of your companionship
   And your compassion, all
   Your pain becoming wings
   That fly my lonesome
Fear and sorrow high,
   High to the warm, kind God
Whose promises of love
Have been fulfilled
In all my being, heart and soul,
   In every cell of all my body’s
   Sixty trillion little cities,
Consciousness cherished forever,
   Walking your path with love
   For all beings.

ACTIVITY
You are invited to take the dropper and place a few drops of water into the glass votives on the metal screen, symbolic of your tears. You are also invited to simply sit and weep your tears.
Yohanes 19:18-34

15. Fear of Endings

SCRIPTURE  John 19:38-42
Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he was fearful. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden, a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

REFLECTION (written from the artist’s first person perspective)
This painting is from a dream:

   It was night and the water was shallow. All was quiet.
   A ramp came from out of the clouds in the distance and circled around, above my head.
   Then, a stairway dropped down in front of me and glowing lights appeared.

After I finished the painting, I showed it to my mother. She then told me this is the image she saw when I was born. She had a near death experience at that time.

ACTIVITY
Trying to hold on to the past can bring tears.
Looking toward an unknown future can bring fears.
Remember:
God is always close by,
watching and guiding us through our darkest times and transitions in life.

Yohanes 19:38-42
16. Fear of Loneliness

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee saw the tomb and how Jesus’ body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. At early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.

REFLECTION
Be not afraid; the tomb is empty; Christ is risen; Jesus is alive!

ACTIVITY
You are invited to trace your footprint and answer the following questions by drawing or writing inside your footprint:
Where is Jesus alive in your life?
Where is Jesus on your journey?
How does Jesus walk with you?

Look at the many footprints before you and know that you are not alone. Here today, you walk, surrounded by a community of compassion, acceptance, and justice. You walk with a God who will never leave you, a God who breathes life into death.

Happy Easter!
Lukas 23:55-24:15
Maka teringatlah wanita-wanita itu akan kata-kata Yesus. Setelah kembali dari kuburan itu, mereka menceritakan semua kejadian itu kepada kesebelas rasul dan semua pengikut yang lainnya. Wanita-wanita yang memberitahukan semuanya itu kepada pengikut-pengikut Yesus, ialah: Maria Magdalena, Yohana dan Maria ibu Yakobus, serta wanita-wanita lainnya yang bersama-sama dengan mereka.