



Rooftop Prairie Garden Installation – A Partnership Rooted in Stewardship

By The Root Design Company

In Spring 2025, The Root Design Company had the honor of designing and installing a native Missouri prairie garden on the rooftop of the Community of Christ Temple in Independence, Missouri. This project was created to reflect the church's enduring principle of the **Sacredness of Creation**, transforming an underutilized rooftop into a thriving habitat of peace, beauty, and biodiversity.

The garden features over sixty native species — including purple coneflowers, black-eyed susans, little bluestem, and prairie dropseed — selected to maximize support for the native ecology and require less water, fertilizer, and maintenance. These native plants now provide habitat for bees, butterflies, and birds, and serve as a living symbol of ecological stewardship in the heart of the church grounds.

This effort demonstrates how faith and sustainability can grow hand in hand — using nature itself as a tool to promote peace, reverence, and responsibility for the Earth.

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