Psalm 92 (but make it gay)

setting by Shira Bodnar and puck glass

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Ki simachtani Adonai bifo'alecha, bema'asei yadecha aranein. Mah gadlu ma'asecha Adonai, me'od amku machsh'votecha.

You have gladdened me by Your deeds, O CREATIVE ONE;
I shout for joy at Your handiwork.
How great are Your works, O CREATIVE ONE, how very subtle Your designs!

These words from Psalm 92 describe trans joy completely. The Creative One, intentionally and with great detail created each of us just as The Creative One crafted the fruit of the plentiful date-palms and the bark of the sturdy cedars of Lebanon.

It is a delight to bring a new setting of these two verses. We hope you will be able to use them in various ways that fit your congregation's needs, using just the melody, the melody and harmony, the melody with the rhythmic vocal line, with or without the B section, or in any other format that brings some of our joy into your space of worship.

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