



Rev. Mark Anthony Lord

Special Message to Unity of Naples

Hello Unity of Naples! It is my honor and joy to be with you the weekend of June 10. I'm also excited about the possibility of being your Sr. Minister. I was 14 years old when I walked out of my Catholic church and into a Unity church in Warren, Michigan. The minister was Jack Boland and he said, *"I am the love and light of God. There is nothing else I can be or ever will be."* I immediately knew I was home.

My spiritual life began that day and I've never looked back. It is everything to me, and the call to ministry, which I answered when I was twenty-six years old, has never faded. In fact, it only continues to grow. Every day I feel profoundly grateful that my life is about helping others discover and live from their inherent Joy and Power. My experience is that I cannot know and serve God without community, which is what inspired me to seek out the position of Sr. Minister at Unity of Naples. You see I truly love leading community – creating it – growing it – serving it – laughing, playing, meditating and praying in it. I love the ups, downs, and all-around of it.

I am a visionary leader, an inspiring speaker and dynamic teacher ... at least that's what I've been told, so I'm sticking with it. It really is my greatest joy to share my God-given talents, as I know that's what we are all here to do.

Some fun stuff - I'm a doggie daddy with two St. Bernard mixes (Bigsby & Lolly). I'm what you call a clotheshorse and I believe good fashion is the first step in spiritual awakening (ok, kidding on that one ... sort of). I can't hit the broad side of a barn with a ball standing ten feet away from it, but put me on the dance floor and I'll show you a thing or two about a thing or two.

That's enough about me ... I *really* look forward to getting to know you!

Peace & Blessings,
Rev. Mark Anthony Lord

About Rev. Mark Anthony Lord

Rev. Mark Anthony Lord is an ordained Minister, Visionary Leader, and Author. He is the Founder of the Bodhi Spiritual Center, Chicago. Since its humble inception from his living room in 2003, Bodhi has grown into a flourishing community where thousands of people sought out Mark's wisdom each week by attending Sunday services, weekly classes, and podcasts. His personal mission is to awaken people to their inherent joy, freedom, and courage to be fully expressed.

Rev. Mark is an expert in the area of spirituality and 12-step recovery. He has assisted people of all paths in awakening to the Spirit within that is deeply personal and greater than any addiction, trauma or fear. He has facilitated Spirituality in Recovery workshops at many 12-step conferences, churches, and treatment centers across the country.

He is the creator and coach for Community First, a year-long training program helping New Thought Churches create home groups for greater care, connection, and belonging. He also coaches Ministers all over North America in leadership and church growth.

He is the author of two books, *The Seven Living Words*, an illuminated perspective on the seven last words of Jesus, and *Thou Shall Not Suffer*, 7 steps to a life of Joy.

A passionate, life-long learner, Mark received his Licensed Unity Teacher certification in 1995, became a Religious Science Practitioner in 2000, and received his Master's in Divinity from Holmes Institute in 2003 at Agape International Spiritual Center, Los Angeles. He has also studied at Oneness University in India.

Candidate Visit Information:

Rev. Mark Anthony Lord - Sunday, June 10, 2018

Sunday Service: "FORGIVENESS - *the fast track to real Joy & true Happiness*"

Forgiveness is a mystical practice that is done unto you - you don't do it. It is the bridge to freedom and yet so many people don't want to cross that bridge. This Sunday you will learn why people don't make it across and more importantly ... how to, if you really want to. Here's the great news - crossing that forgiveness bridge is easier than you think!

Workshop: "Forgive and be free!"

There is nothing like the power of forgiveness to free you from the past and cause a better future! At this workshop you will discover what forgiveness is and what it isn't. You will learn your part in the equation (which is much simpler than you think), and gain practical tools that immediately activate this mystical practice. Can you imagine walking through your days with your mind free from resentments or rehashing the past? Can you dream of being so mentally and emotionally clear that you effortlessly attract what your heart desires? Forgiveness is the way!